I write in response to the findings of the ‘Crime Recording: making the victim count’ report, which was published on 18th November 2014.

The report highlights a number of concerns in relation to local procedures governing the recording of crime and with overall compliance with the National Crime Recording Standard. I acknowledge the findings of the report and am committed to ensure that crimes in Greater Manchester are recorded properly, and that staff are adequately trained and supervised.

As iterated in my response to the Interim report, published in May 2014, both the Chief Constable and I recognise the importance of data integrity in crime recording and the effect this can have in sustaining public confidence in the police service. To this end, I will be raising the findings and recommendations of this report with the Chief Constable to seek reassurances for future improvement.

In addition, my internal audit team recently completed a review into GMP’s processes for auditing compliance with crime recording standards and made a number of recommendations that echo some of the findings of this report and the local report published in August 2014. I have asked that a post implementation review be undertaken in the first Quarter of 2015/16 to review progress and report back to me.