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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary,

As required within Section 55(5) of the Police Act 1996, I am required to comment on reports published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC).

I write in respect to the recently published findings of the joint review conducted by HMIC and Her Majesty's Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSP) entitled, "*Stop the Drift 2*".

I am fully supportive of the recommendations promoting the enhancement of file systems that ensure technology is used to the best possible advantage. I also support the recommendation that encourages further training for police supervisors and officers, which is an issue that has already been identified locally. We are looking to introduce training to be provided by the Crown Prosecution Service. This will ensure officers continue their professional development while enhancing the efficacy of the criminal justice process, and ensure the best possible outcome is achieved for victims.

The Chief Constable has directed the force to improve file quality. As a result we have seen significant improvements over the last year that have reduced the amount of remedial work and file overbuild, thus reducing bureaucracy. We are now in a stronger position and will continue to press for further improvement.

Through Local and the All Wales Criminal Justice Boards, I will discuss further opportunities to transfer data digitally between the Police, Courts and CPS. I will continue to seek further reductions in police bureaucracy through the Chief Constable.

A copy of this response is published on my [website](#).

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