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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 write with my comments on the report published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), "*Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales 2012/13.*"

First, I welcome the opportunity provided to Police and Crime Commissioners in September 2013 to contribute to this assessment. Overall, I feel it presents a fair and balanced position of policing.

I welcome the reduction in HMIC thematic reviews in favour of an all-force inspection programme. I hope that this will reduce what has become an extraordinary burden of inspection at a time when police forces are stretched to capacity. Similarly, I look forward to the work from the College of Policing on measuring and predicting demand and hope this can accommodate new and emerging crime threats in the future.

Thematic and Home Secretary's commissioned reviews offer an independent assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of policing services within their areas. They can be a helpful source to scrutinise and hold police forces to account. However, they must not confuse the accountability of Chief Constables to Police and Crime Commissioners with implied central control.

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

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