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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 in response to the recently published findings of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), "*Crime Recording: A matter of fact.*"

In Dyfed Powys, we scrutinise local crime figures in conjunction with other qualitative measures, including public confidence and victim satisfaction measures from independent sources such as the Crime Survey for England and Wales. We also consider media coverage, surveys and public engagement feedback.

I am determined to increase police accountability. I hold monthly performance boards and the force have an established Data Quality Assurance Board. I have also made clear to the Chief Constable and HMIC that I want honest figures: I am prepared to see recorded crime rise, if that provides a better reflection of reality.

I look forward to receiving the findings of the Dyfed Powys inspection.

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

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