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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Home Secretary
2 Marsham Street
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27 July 2015

Dear Home Secretary,

As required within Section 55(5) of the Police Act 1996, I write in response to the inspection undertaken by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, "*In harm's way: The role of the police in keeping children safe*".

I am satisfied with the progress that the Force is making in respect of Child Protection. The Force has reviewed its child protection procedures and increased staff in its Protecting Vulnerable People unit by 40%. The force is also investing in specialist training for front-line officers in respect of Child Sexual Exploitation.

In addition, I have commissioned an independent de-briefing and mediation service for children and young people who have been reported as 'missing' within the Dyfed Powys Police area.

However, there is more to be done. The critical element in child protection is effective partnership working across all partner agencies and I want to see more co-operation and collaboration from partner agencies. I will work with the Local Criminal Justice Board to address delays in getting CPS charging advice, closely monitor proposals for establishing a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and continue to push to ensure that Local Authorities in Dyfed Powys provide accommodation for children who would otherwise be detained in custody.

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Salmon
Police and Crime Commissioner

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HM Inspector of Constabulary, Wales and Western Region