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Rt Hon Theresa May MP Home Secretary 2 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DF

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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, "National Child Protection Inspection Post Review – Dyfed-Powys Police 3-7 August 2015".

I welcome this report. I am encouraged that the report identifies strong commitment amongst Dyfed Powys Police staff and the timely initial response to incidents. I am also reassured that the report praises the Force's good working relationships with other agencies.

I have been aware of the issues raised by HMIC following the inspection last year. The Chief Constable assures me that improvements are already being made. I will pay close attention. I remain concerned at the need for further development. Delays in progressing investigations are unacceptable. In a number of cases, HMIC the Force's response to the risk of child sexual exploitation as clearly inadequate.

I will continue to work with the Chief Constable to ensure that the recommendations contained within the report are implemented and scrutinised through our monthly Policing Accountability Boards.

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