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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary
2 Marsham Street
London
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28th Nov 2019

RE: HMICFRS-Cyber: Keep the light on – Police response to cyber-dependent crime

Dear Home Secretary

I write with regard to the above mentioned report, which is welcomed by myself and Chief Constable Mark Collins.

It is encouraging that the report recognises that there are several areas of positive practice and Dyfed-Powys as a force have been recognised as being the only force to name cyber-dependent crime as an explicit priority.

Improved connectivity can benefit rural communities greatly, but this does not come without risks. Dyfed-Powys Police recognises that there is a growing trend of criminals taking advantage of the trusting nature of people, which has been made easier through the internet. This is why I made dealing with cyber-dependent crime an explicit priority within my Police and Crime plan, and have continually invested in raising public awareness and increasing the force's capacity in this area during my term in office.

It is a crime affecting people from all communities, and at my annual conference in March 2019, I focussed on fraud and cyber-crime with the aim of raising awareness of the scale of the threat posed, detailing the numbers and types of people affected, and critically, understanding what preventative measures can be put in place to safeguard people. From 2017 – 2020 I am providing funding to deliver the 'KiVA' project, aimed at raising awareness of bullying and cyber bullying in primary and secondary schools in Pembrokeshire, and have this year boosted the funding for the Digital and Cyber Crime Unit by £53,000 – money generated by the driver re-training scheme and proceeds of crime- to expedite the process of mobile phone analysis to assist the force to bring offenders to justice more swiftly.

I have also funded two specialist investigators to deal with both cyber-dependent and cyber-enabled crime, and a role specifically working to protect, and engage with, our communities and businesses.

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I am committed to continuing to support this area, which is demonstrated by my recent decision to maintain funding these specialist posts.

I have representation on each Public Service Board which gives me a key opportunity to engage and influence future workstreams. Public Service Boards are currently reviewing their role, effectiveness and interfaces with other partnerships under the direction of Welsh Government. Projects such as SWAIL (Safe Well and Independent Living), Making Every Contact Count (Fire Brigade led project) and Community Connectors (volunteer schemes in Pembrokeshire) already exist and we are seeking to embed fraud and cyber prevention training within future plans.

I am confident that Dyfed-Powys Police's continued focus on this area will drive further improvements. My office will continue to work with the Force to ensure that we are protecting our communities from serious threats and safeguarding the vulnerable.

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

Yours sincerely

**Dafydd Llywelyn
Police & Crime Commissioner**

Cc: HMI Wendy Williams

Chief Constable Mark Collins

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