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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

7th April 2021

Re: How effectively the police deal with protests

Dear Home Secretary

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

I am pleased to be able to update that with regards to the first recommendation for Chief Constables to ensure that legal services teams subscribe to the College of Policing Knowledge Hub's Association of Police Lawyers group, this is already complete far in advance of the deadline set. In fact, the legal services department in Dyfed Powys have been subscribed to this since March 2020 and it is used and viewed weekly for the sharing and identification of best practice.

With regards to the second recommendation I am assured that a comprehensive debrief process is in place for each incident, which is centrally co-ordinated and managed by the specialist operations department. This ensures that lessons are learned at a local level as well as being fed into national learning; for example a debrief from an incident at a local refinery in 2018 led to the enhanced training and equipping of Protest Removal Teams across the Force area.

I can confirm that the Force submit the National Post Event Learning Review forms to the National Police Coordination Centre and I have had sight of one such recent submission for a protest/vigil in one of the Basic Command Units in the west of the Force area. A further form is due for submission soon to share the learning from the recent high profile events surrounding the Home Office asylum camp in Penally.

I trust that the above provides reassurance regarding the arrangements in place within the Force for the management and debriefing of protests. I will of course be seeking

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ongoing progress updates from Chief Constable Parmenter and her senior management team to enable me to fulfil my function of scrutinising the effectiveness of protest handling arrangements in Dyfed Powys.

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

Yours sincerely

Dafydd Llywelyn
Police & Crime Commissioner

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Chief Constable Claire Parmenter

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