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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 respect to the recently published findings of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), "*The Strategic Policing Requirement: An inspection of the arrangements that police forces have in place to meet the Strategic Policing Requirement.*"

I am pleased to note HMIC's assurance that Chief Constables are having regard to the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) and that the level of police resources dedicated to dealing with national threats have not changed appreciably since the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners.

Locally, I have reviewed arrangements on how Dyfed-Powys are meeting the College of Policing's capability frameworks and have been satisfied that they meet requirements. I, along with my Welsh counterparts, will continue to scrutinise collaborative arrangements to ensure these are also adequate.

I share HMIC's concern in respect of the preparedness of forces to deal with a large-scale cyber incident and believe that more needs to be done on both a national and local front to prevent and deal with the newest of the national threats of cyber-enabled and cyber-dependent crimes.

I look forward to considering the two further reports due to be published by HMIC later this year focusing on how forces are meeting the requirements of the SPR in respect of public order and large-scale cyber incidents.

A copy of this response is published on my website.

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