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Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
Home Secretary  
2 Marsham Street  
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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 Inspections – Dyfed-Powys Police 1-8 October 2014*".

The protection of children and other vulnerable individuals is a pressing need of our times. 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. We are paying close attention. However, it is clear that there are further areas for development such as the unacceptable delays in progressing investigations and the Force's response to child sexual exploitation.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

**Christopher Salmon**  
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