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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Home Secretary
2 Marsham Street
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23 October 2015

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, "*Targeting the risk: An Inspection of the efficiency and effectiveness of firearms licensing in police forces in England and Wales*".

This report highlights that there are inconsistencies in firearms licensing arrangements across England and Wales. Furthermore, specific concerns have been raised about the arrangements in place in Dyfed Powys, particularly in terms of monitoring and audit arrangements, dealing with expired certificates and assessing risk during every day policing activity.

I discussed firearms licensing arrangements with the Chief Constable at my Policing Accountability Board meeting on 16th October 2015 and I am satisfied that the Force is making progress in this area.

I will continue to apply a high level of scrutiny to this area at Policing Accountability Board and will monitor the Force's progress against the recommendations made in the report.

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