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The Rt. Hon Theresa May MP
Home Secretary
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Dear Home Secretary

I am pleased to note that the **'HMIC Revisiting Police Relationships: A Progress Report'** issued in December 2012 for West Yorkshire is broadly positive, showing that the force has conducted a force wide integrity 'healthcheck' using the Self-Assessment Checklist compiled by HMIC, and that several related policies were being updated or reviewed.

A member of my Audit Team, who has a dual role in providing an audit function to both the force and myself as Commissioner, sits on West Yorkshire Police's internal Integrity Board. One of the key activities of this Board is to pick up the HMIC findings and subsequent follow up inspections. The representation of my audit staff on this Board and their direct audit activity combined with the update I have requested and received from the force, gives me confidence that the issues raised by HMIC are being addressed and that the outstanding work is being progressed within reasonable timescales.

I will continue to keep abreast of progress made against the findings and recommendations through continued representation on the Board and the reassurances of my staff.

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