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CRIME-RECORDING – ACCURACY – FURTHER INSPECTIONS

Thank you for your letter of 18 February 2016.

I am grateful for the update in relation to the steps West Yorkshire Police has taken in relation to implementing the necessary changes as a result of the recommendations made in HMIC's report. It is encouraging to read of the progress and of the support you are providing to the force. It is precisely what needed to happen and why we have invested so much in our crime data integrity inspection activity.

You rightly point out the need to get all forces to a good position in relation to crime recording accuracy, to ensure that not only can crime levels be compared based on a level playing field by the public and others, but also that victims of crime get the service to which they are entitled. It is precisely for these reasons that we have decided to increase the breadth of the programme to enable us to grade each force based on a statistically robust audit. I am also encouraged by your support for this approach which was described in the correspondence from HMI Mike Cunningham to which you refer.

I look forward to seeing the results of the next West Yorkshire crime recording inspection in due course.

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