

RT Hon Theresa May MP, Home Secretary

Friday 13 November 2015

Dear Home Secretary

Re: Joint Inspection Report - Witness for the prosecution: identifying victim and witness vulnerability in criminal case files

Regarding the report, Identification of Vulnerability in Police Case Files, published by the HMIC on Thursday 12 November, I have noted the content and the national recommendations on how best to make improvements to the way all vulnerable victims are identified and given the appropriate support in order to meet their needs and achieve best evidence.

As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, I am committed to supporting and protecting the most vulnerable people in our communities. Accordingly, I have recently (1 October 2015) launched Victim First, a new integrated support service for victims and witnesses which provides appropriate support, delivered according to need. This includes enhanced practical and emotional support designed to help victims and witnesses cope and recover as they progress through the Criminal Justice Process.

Of note, improving the support provided to victims and witnesses has been an integral component of my work as Commissioner and I fully intend to maintain my scrutiny of this important area of work throughout my remaining time in post."

Yours sincerely,



Sir Clive Loader KCB OBE
Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire