



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER
for Leicestershire**

Your voice in Leicester,
Leicestershire & Rutland

RT Hon Theresa May MP, Home Secretary

Wednesday 2 December 2015

Dear Home Secretary

Re: Regional Organised Crime Units – a review of capability and effectiveness

I have read with considerable interest the report published today by her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary entitled "Regional Organised Crime Units – a review of capability and effectiveness".

The report highlights the criticality of forces having at their disposal highly effective and efficient regional resources in order to tackle serious and organised criminality on a cross-border, regional basis.

The East Midlands Special Operations Unit provides this ROCU service for the communities in Leicestershire and it is plain to see from the report that HMIC believe we are exceptionally well served in Leicestershire and the wider East Midlands region in this regard. EMSOU was one of the first regional ROCUs to be set up more than a decade ago and has, as the report concludes, an enviable status as the best resourced unit nationally providing the greatest breadth of service provision. I am particularly pleased to see it described as "the model which other regions can emulate".

The shifting nature of crime and the growing emergence, for example, of new crime types like cyber-crime and CSE make the role performed by such ROCUs fundamental to the protection of our communities and it is in my opinion vital that EMSOU and other ROCUs demonstrate sufficient flexibility to recognise, and combat, such threats.

I note the 11 recommendations made by HMIC in its report (some of which do not relate to EMSOU) and will be ensuring through discussions locally that we identify from the report any opportunities for learning and even more effective service provision from EMSOU to Leicestershire Police and the communities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Yours sincerely,

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