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Date: 17 May 2019  
To: Email to Home Secretary  
cc: HMICFRS

*Dear Home Secretary,*

**Response to Crime Data Integrity Inspection Report – Leicestershire Police – 2018/19**

I write in response to the publication of the Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) Crime Data Integrity re-inspection report for Leicestershire Police for 2018.

It was pleasing to see that the report recognised the significant progress that has been made since the previous Crime Data Integrity inspection in 2017. Leicestershire Police has invested heavily in improving the recording processes and this is clearly shown in the findings of the re-inspection.

I am particularly pleased that this latest report praises the senior leadership in the Force who daily undertake a balancing act in a world of finite resources. The improvement in crime data integrity recording has shown that Leicestershire Police compliance rate stands at 84.1% which is just behind the national average of 87.7%. This is the outcome of the introduction of new processes, the revamping of the training programme and close monitoring of progress by supervisors. Moving forward the Force aim to make further improvements to their audit processes as they face the daily challenge of where resources should be deployed

I am very conscious that the outcome of the crime data integrity inspection is not a reflection of the level of investigation into any given crime, personal integrity or how officers and staff liaise with victims, and nor should it be interpreted as such. The inspection focused on the technical compliance of crime recording systems against hundreds of pages of detailed guidance.

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Clearly there is more to be done and I will continue to press for further improvements however it is reasonable to expect that as everyone gets used to the new processes that are now in place, they will build upon the encouraging progress that has been made so far.

Yours sincerely

*Yours sincerely,  
Willy Bach*

**Lord Willy Bach**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner**