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To Email: Home Secretary  
cc: HMICFRS

*Dear Home Secretary,*

**Response to Integrated PEEL 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) Integrated PEEL Inspection Report into Leicestershire Police for 2018/19.

I have welcomed the assessments in the report which show Leicestershire Police as being 'Good' across the three areas of effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy. These excellent findings confirm that Leicestershire Police provide a quality police service designed to protect people and keep them safe, which is the overriding ambition driving everything they do. The report also recognises the plans in place to meet new and changing demand and acknowledges the work to ensure the police budget is spent wisely.

The report highlights the Force's dedication to neighbourhood policing, shown with the increase in neighbourhood officers and the movement of detectives back into Neighbourhood Investigation Units. Uniformed officers and detectives working side-by-side, based in the communities they serve, provide a holistic approach to solving crime. The provision of a truly local visible police service, in our neighbourhoods and on our streets, is something I have been firmly focused upon since I became PCC. It is reassuring that the inspectors have recognized this outcome. I hope our residents, businesses and people visiting the area are reassured by this report and its findings.

The investment in technology was also recognized by the inspectors with their assessment that digital forensic technology is outstanding. In addition, the ability of police officers to work remotely has transformed the work officers and staff are able to carry out with access to all police systems away from a police station. This again aligns with my aims within my Police and Crime Plan on increasing visibility.

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The inspection findings relating to how the force protect vulnerable people were particularly pleasing. The Force's strong commitment in this area as evidenced by officers and staff ability to recognize and react to situations involving vulnerable people; the long running training programme for the whole workforce and the specialist support provided to victims of domestic abuse all demonstrate a strong commitment to helping those most in need.

I am particularly pleased that the report's findings reflect the hard work of officers, staff and volunteers under the inspirational leadership of the Chief Constable.

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Willy Bach.*

**Lord Willy Bach**  
**Police & Crime Commissioner**