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Dear Theresa

RE: HMIC Report: Witness for the prosecution: Identifying victims and witness vulnerability in criminal case files

I welcome this national report and the report which focuses on Suffolk Constabulary and I appreciate the opportunity to comment upon it.

This is an important area of business. The report highlights some good work and identifies areas where improvements can be made. The Constabulary has reassured me that it aims to identify vulnerable victims and witnesses and where necessary, it ensures that appropriate measures are in place to support them throughout an investigation and the court process.

The Constabulary needs to give accurate information when cases go to court and it has put in place processes for supervisors to quality assure files before they are submitted and to keep victim and witness circumstances under review during the case.

The Constabulary will continue to review its processes to ensure that it does all it can to provide the best service to, and the best outcomes for, those needing its support. The Chief Constable will update me on progress with that work.

Yours sincerely

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