

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
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London

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Dear Home Secretary

**RE: HMICFRS PEEL inspection of Suffolk Constabulary**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this inspection. Suffolk Constabulary has provided an update on the recommendations via a public report to my Accountability and Performance Panel and which is attached.

I am pleased that the force was graded 'good' in most areas and that there was only one area which was graded as 'requires improvement', and where the abandonment rate for calls was highlighted as a concern. I am pleased that the HMICFRS has recognised the important investment that has been made in this area through funding from the precept and understands the plans over the next year to provide additional resource into the CCR. I am content these plans are progressing well, but the rise in the volume of 999 calls remains a major challenge. Specifically, many of these calls are not directly related to crime but arise through concerns for the safety and well-being of children and adults in our county. These present significant resourcing challenges for not just the police but for wider Suffolk partners, and I invite your assistance in ensuring that the safeguarding and mental health systems and provision are sufficiently resourced in Suffolk by an appropriate level of government funding.

I will, as part of my oversight role, monitor the activity to respond to the recommendations and concerns expressed by HMICFRS but am very pleased there are so many areas where Suffolk Constabulary has been recognised by HMICFRS as doing a good job for the people of Suffolk.

Yours sincerely



Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk