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Dear Home Secretary

Response to report - Joint case building by the police and Crown Prosecution Service: final report

I welcome the final report from HMICFRS and HMCPSP on joint case building between the police and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). I acknowledge the depth of analysis and the importance of the recommendations aimed at improving efficiency, communication, and strategic alignment across the criminal justice system.

We note the report's identification of persistent issues including:

- Lack of strategic governance and coordination.
- Ineffective communication between police and CPS.
- Bureaucratic systems and incompatible IT platforms.
- Inconsistencies in police file quality and CPS charging advice timeliness.

These findings resonate with challenges observed locally in Humberside, particularly around file quality and delays in charging decisions. Humberside Police are actively working with CPS Yorkshire & Humberside to address these concerns.

I welcome the role of the Strategic Joint Operational Improvement Board and will ensure Humberside's representation in relevant forums. I will also ensure continued engagement with the National Criminal Justice Board to support the development of a national strategy and ensure local alignment.

I remain committed to working collaboratively with all criminal justice partners to implement the recommendations of this report. We recognise the urgency of reform and the opportunity to improve public confidence and victim satisfaction through more effective case building.

I thank HMICFRS and HMCPSP for their continued scrutiny and support.

Yours Sincerely



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Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

