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Dear Home Secretary,

Section 55 Response to HMICFRS Report: Inspection of the effectiveness of police and law enforcement bodies' response to group-based child sexual exploitation: A progress report

I am writing in reference to the recently published HMICFRS progress report titled "*Inspection of the effectiveness of police and law enforcement bodies' response to group-based child sexual exploitation*" (October 2025). The report provides a sobering yet constructive overview of the progress made since the 2023 inspection, while also identifying critical gaps that remain in safeguarding children from organised sexual exploitation.

The report commends improvements in several areas as well as highlighting several persistent challenges. I have read the six new recommendations highlighted by HMICFRS. To ensure these recommendations are actively considered and progressed, I will be taking the findings forward through my assurance mechanism, ensuring that the Chief Constable reports back to me accordingly regarding progress with these and other HMICFRS recommendations.

This report underscores the urgent need for a coordinated, data-informed, and victim-centred approach to tackling group-based child sexual exploitation. My assurance approach allows me to review the force's response, assessing alignment with national expectations, and monitoring improvements in safeguarding practices, ensuring that child protection remains a strategic priority.

Yours Sincerely



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