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Dear Home Secretary

**HIS MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
(HMICFRS) PEEL INSPECTION 2024**

I welcome the Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) of Lancashire Constabulary.

I note from the inspection report that the findings were largely positive and reflected the significant progress made by the force in providing outstanding service in preventing crime, whilst improving its response and investigative functions.

I was pleased to note that report also identified a number of areas of promising and innovative practice, with several deemed 'good practice' by the College of Policing and were deemed to be the national benchmark for other forces.

As you are aware, I am committed to preventing violence against women and girls and have made this a priority in my police and crime plan. I note that eight areas for improvement were identified by the inspection, with the key areas relating to the MASH in Lancashire and the management of Domestic Violence Disclosures (DVDS).

In my discussions with the Chief Constable, I am pleased to learn that both areas have been subject to formal review by the force and immediate steps had been taken to bolster resources and improve efficiency.

I do welcome the significant contribution HMICFRS makes to improving the policing service both nationally and in Lancashire and find their consistent approach helpful to gauge the performance of Lancashire Constabulary. As such, I can assure you that through my regular Accountability Board and meetings with the Chief Constable, I will continue to scrutinise and hold the Constabulary to account to deliver improvements in the areas identified by the HMICFRS inspection.

Yours sincerely

Clive Grunshaw

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire