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The Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP
Home Secretary
Home Office
2 Marsham Street
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Monday 5th August 2024

Dear Home Secretary,

Vetting and Anti-Corruption Part 2: How Effective is the National Crime Agency at Dealing with Corruption?

As required by statute, I am writing to you to respond to His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) report entitled, 'Vetting and Anti-Corruption Part 2: How Effective is the National Crime Agency at Dealing with Corruption?'

I welcome the report which considers the National Crime Agency's effectiveness and efficiency in working with police forces and other law enforcement agencies to help identify and tackle corruption involving police officers and staff.

My office and I are acutely aware of the profound impact that corruption involving police officers and staff can have and as a consequence, the devastating effects on both the police service nationally and the communities they serve. I remain committed to working closely with the Chief Constable to ensure that we can effectively collaborate with the police in our communities, fostering trusted relationships and positive outcomes.

I am reassured by the dedication and courage demonstrated by our officers in Gwent Police in their efforts to identify and address corruption. I note the comment put forth by the Chief Constable in her remarks below.

"With regards to Recommendation 4 for Chief Constables, which refers to the sharing of the outcomes of investigations into suspicious activity reports relating to force personnel with the National Crime Agency (NCA), our Professional Standards Unit has been in contact with them to understand the process and the expectations. The NCA has clarified the approach on how to proceed."

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg, a phan ddaw i law, byddwn yn ateb yn y Gymraeg – ni fydd hyn yn gohirio ein hymateb. Os hoffech dderbyn gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg o hyn ymlaen, neu os ydych wedi cael eich gwahoddi gyfweiliad neu gyfarfod ac yr hoffech ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg, anfonwch e-bost at:

Commissioner@gwent.police.uk.
Darperir gwasanaethau cyfieithu.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh and where received, we will reply in Welsh - this will not delay our response. If you wish to receive correspondence in Welsh hereafter or if you have been invited to an interview or meeting and you wish to use Welsh, send email to: **Commissioner@gwent.police.uk.** Translation services will be provided.

As emphasised by the Chief Constable, I am in favour of the recommendations for our force to share information with the National Crime Agency. I welcome the development of a national coordination centre for corruption-related intelligence and the support it will provide to the police service and the communities we serve.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Mudd', written in a cursive style.

Jane Mudd

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent