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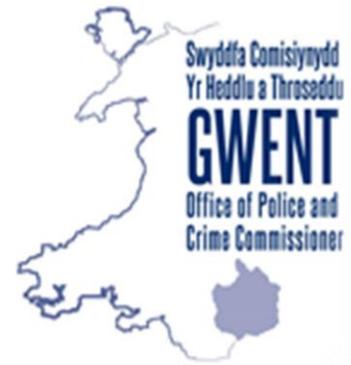
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The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Home Secretary
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30th September 2021

Dear Home Secretary

A shared confidence: A summary of how law enforcement agencies use sensitive intelligence

As required by statute, I am writing to you to respond to the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) inspection report entitled, 'A shared confidence: A summary of how law enforcement agencies use sensitive intelligence'.

I welcome this summary of the work HMICFRS have undertaken in what is a very important area for policing. I acknowledge the areas of concern identified and await the outcome of the recommendations raised.

Once more information has been received on how the recommendations are to be progressed nationally, I will ensure that I work closely with the Chief Constable in Gwent, as well as with the other Police and Crime Commissioner's and Chief Constable's from the forces that form our Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU), known locally as TARIAN, to ensure the ability of the unit to keep the people of Gwent safe is improved. This is supported by the comment from the Chief Constable of Gwent, Pam Kelly, below:

'I welcome this summary from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services that examined how effectively and efficiently UK law enforcement uses sensitive intelligence in the fight against serious and organised crime (SOC).

SOC is a priority in Gwent Police and Sensitive Intelligence has a role to play in our activity to tackle this wrong that has a far reaching impact on individuals and communities. It is therefore vital that the infrastructure of technology, governance and policy and process, as identified by the inspectorate in their summary, is defined and robust to allow the benefits of Sensitive Intelligence to be maximised.

Whilst the summary does not make any direct recommendations for me as Chief Constable, I await the outcome of the recommendations made to our partners within the summary so that we can work in partnership to tackle SOC and reduce the impact it has on communities'.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those officers and staff working within the serious and organised crime area, both in our local ROCU and on our behalf nationally, for the extremely important work they do to pursue the most dangerous offenders who commit the most serious of crimes.

Yours sincerely

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

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