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The Right Honourable Yvette Cooper
Home Secretary
Home Office
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1st August 2025

Dear Home Secretary,

Improving the Response to Organised Immigration Crime

As required by statute, I am writing to you to respond to the inspection report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) entitled, 'Improving the Response to Organised Immigration Crime'.

I welcome and support the recent report which evaluates how effectively police forces and the National Crime Agency (NCA) in England and Wales are tackling Organised Immigration Crime (OIC).

I note the comment put forth by the Chief Constable in his remarks below.

I welcome this inspection report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Fire and Rescue Services which examines the response to organised immigration crime. The report highlights the many challenges facing law enforcement agencies in tackling this type of crime. In Gwent, we are committed to understanding the true impact and scale of organised immigration crime related criminality throughout our communities.

We will continue to ensure we gather and assess intelligence to identify those responsible but also safeguarding those that are invariably victims of both modern slavery, human trafficking and organised immigration. It is clear from the report that more needs to be done to disrupt the organised crime groups who facilitate immigration crime, and the force will work with Immigration Enforcement, the Modern Slavery & Organised Immigration Crime Unit and the College of Policing to implement the recommendations made in the report.

Please find below an update detailing the progress and current work being undertaken in

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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.

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By 30 April 2026, chief constables should make sure that every time a member of their force reports a case to Immigration Enforcement's National Command and Control Unit, the reporting officer completes and submits the required intelligence document.

The organised immigration crime e-learning package (Recommendation 9) will make reference to the requirement to complete the intelligence document and submit to the Immigration Enforcement's National Command and Control Unit (NCCU).

The standalone document will be accessible for officers via the force intranet page.

Our Modern Slavery team will liaise with the NCCU regarding compliance.

By 31 December 2025, chief constables should make sure they have clear plans to collect, analyse and share information related to organised immigration crime.

A governance structure is in place with our Regional Organised Crime Unit to review and develop intelligence. A peer review has been undertaken by another force and a delivery plan is being implemented.

By 30 April 2026, chief constables, working with the Modern Slavery & Organised Immigration Crime Unit, should make sure that relevant personnel in all Home Office police forces complete the Hydra training package on organised immigration crime.

There is a series of training packages available to personnel.

By 30 April 2026, chief constables, working with the Modern Slavery & Organised Immigration Crime Unit and the College of Policing, should make sure that relevant personnel in all Home Office police forces complete the four modules of the organised immigration crime e-learning package.

The force will instruct that the four modules of the organised immigration crime e-learning package are mandatory for officers and staff to complete.

Compliance will be monitored via Gwent Police Vulnerability Training meeting.

As highlighted in the recommendations and responses above, the force will continue to implement these changes, which I will monitor closely. I am confident that the necessary processes are now in place to maintain and build upon this progress effectively.

Overall, I am pleased with the efforts made by Gwent Police however, there is always room to improve. Alongside the Chief Constable, I am confident that together, we can focus on these challenges to enhance the safety and service for the communities of Gwent.

Yours sincerely

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

Jane Mudd
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent