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cc: Drusilla Sharpling
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Dear Theresa,

HMIC Report: Private Sector Partnering in the Police Service

I note the contents of the Practical Guide to Private Sector Partnering in the Police Service published by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary. Please accept this letter as my formal response to the report as now required.

The Guide will form a useful reference point when developing private sector partnerships in the future. I welcome the references to good practice in the South Wales Police commissioning and procurement process.

Having said that, the report seems to have too great an emphasis on process rather than outcomes. It would be useful at some point for HMIC and NAO to undertake a more in-depth review of the outcomes from private sector partnering. This would be a helpful adjunct to this Guide with its concentration on process.

Yours sincerely,

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