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Rt Hon James Cleverley
Secretary of State for the Home Department
2 Marsham Street
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Dear Home Secretary,

SUBJECT: HMICFRS Inspection response:

National Crime Agency inspection Vetting and anti-corruption part 2: How effective is the National Crime Agency at dealing with corruption?

I write in response to the recent publication of the *'National Crime Agency inspection Vetting and anti-corruption part 2: How effective is the National Crime Agency at dealing with corruption?'*

I welcome the report and note the five recommendations from the report and the encouraging finding that the NCA works well with police forces and other law enforcement agencies to help them identify and investigate corruption.

In January 2023, my predecessor, Baroness Beverly Hughes wrote following the inspection of Greater Manchester Police's vetting arrangements and the identification of a specific area of improvement, namely the way in which GMP manages the vetting of its workforce. The force continues to deliver the required improvements in its vetting processes to ensure only the right individuals are employed by GMP and acts as a robust front door to preventing potential incidents of corruption from taking place. This remains an important strategic priority for myself and the Mayor, and will continue to hold the Chief and Deputy Chief Constable to account for its delivery.

It is pleasing therefore to see that in this report, recommendation 4 further strengthens GMP's own internal processes by placing a requirement upon Chief Constables to make sure they tell the National Crime Agency the outcome of investigations into suspicious activity reports relating to their force's personnel by 30th June.

I have discussed this matter with the Deputy Chief Constable and can confirm that GMP are working with their in-force ACU Analysts to ensure relevant SAR cases are flagged for recording within the GMP Anti-Corruption intelligence system so such cases can be effectively captured and shared with the ACU.

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Further, GMP's ACU does have a Financial Investigator and have a standardised procedure around dealing with corruption risks linked to Financial Vulnerability and are committed to ensuring any potential risk and vulnerability to the integrity of its officers is appropriately managed and monitored. GMP has had investigations which have been initiated by the receipt of SAR's and are dealt with on a case-by-case basis and fully recognise the need to begin to share feedback on the outcome of these receipts with the NCA to inform the National Strategic Threat Assessment.

The professional integrity of the police is a critical foundation in securing the public's trust in and the legitimacy of the police in this country. Without it, the model of policing by consent would be significantly undermined.

I am committed to supporting the Chief Constable and Greater Manchester Police in all steps that can be taken to ensure the vetting and anti-corruption process are as procedurally robust both within GMP and with national strategic partners.

Yours sincerely



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