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Dear Roy,

National Child Protection Re-Inspection

I am writing to you to formally respond to the National Child Protection Re-Inspection on Derbyshire Constabulary produced in May 2022.

The report summarises the findings of the HMICFRS re-inspection of the police child protection services which took place in May 2022, following the initial inspection in May 2021 and subsequent report in November 2021. The report examines the constabulary's progress against 12 recommendations made in the original inspection and considers the effectiveness of the police's decisions at each stage of their interactions with or for children. It also considers how children were treated in custody and how the force is structured, led, and governed.

In your re-inspection report you conclude that the Constabulary has made strong progress towards some of the 12 recommendations, but none have been fully achieved.

I have formally raised the report and the recommendations with the Chief Constable, and I am assured that Derbyshire Constabulary are working to complete all recommendations specific to Derbyshire within the timescales given. There is now a specific Child Protection delivery plan in place, in which progress is monitored through the Vulnerability Board, chaired by an ACC and reporting into the Chief's Assurance Board.

The Constabulary has also developed a strong investigative capability to protecting children online, with embedded information sharing practices to ensure safeguarding is at the heart of the team's activity. Since changes to the force's Protecting Children Online Team in May 2022, this function now progresses over 450 cases per annum and, working with partners, has safeguarded more than 400 children linked to individuals arrested.

The Constabulary is also working with partners on the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Board to improve the effectiveness of multi-agency arrangements.

Please be assured that I will continue to monitor progress towards these as part of my regular scheduled governance of the operations of the Constabulary.

I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved in this inspection and look forward to further feedback in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angelique Foster', with a horizontal line underneath.

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