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Mr M Ellis
Police and Crime Commissioner

My Ref: DW/JP

Your Ref:

Date: 10 August 2017

Dear Mr Ellis

Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel – 24 July 2017

Consideration of Annual Report 2016/17

In accordance with Section 28(4)(d) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 I'm writing on behalf of the Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel with our views on your Annual Report for 2016/17 following consideration of its contents at our public meeting on 24 July 2017.

You submitted your draft report and gave us a brief summary of a number of key issues including the following:

A number of issues referred to in the report were discussed:

Domestic Violence – we heard about a number of initiatives, led by the Deputy Commissioner, to promote awareness of Domestic Violence and to provide support for victims. You reported that through joint commissioning across the County and City of Stoke-on-Trent more front line services had been made available. We were reassured by your confirmation that Domestic Violence Services would continue uninterrupted and would be better able to respond to the needs of individuals.

MASH (Multi-agency safeguarding hub) – Responding to a request from the Panel for assurances of your continued support for the MASH you explained your wish to develop local delivery teams with the MASH serving as a 'hub'

Video Links with Courts – You called for improved alignment between the Courts Service and the Ministry of Justice to facilitate better progress in this area

Modern Day Slavery - You reported that public and agency awareness had been raised via a conference staged by your Deputy Commissioner. Distinguishing between modern day slavery and low pay issues was a major challenge.

Overall we were satisfied that your Annual Report summarises activity during 2016/17 and look forward to receiving regular progress reports as the year goes on.

This letter will be published on the websites of local authorities represented on the Panel. You are requested to publish it on your website alongside your Annual Report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Williams', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

David Williams
Chairman – Staffordshire Police and Crime Panel