



Rt Hon Teresa May MP  
Home Secretary  
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Dear Home Secretary

**North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) response to the HMIC's inspection; 'Missing Children: Who Cares?' dated March 2016**

The care of vulnerable children and the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is something I, and North Yorkshire Police, take extremely seriously. There is a dedicated team working to tackle this problem and training is given to officers to ensure the signs of CSE are understood. Further to this, a CSE booklet has been produced for the public to provide information about how to report the issue and the support services available for children and adults.

I am pleased the report found the police's response to missing children is timely, proportionate and appropriate. However, it is important that we continue our work with partner agencies and learn from other police forces to ensure the best support and safeguarding measures are in place. Further to this, I have recently outlined a £3 million strategy to improve protection for vulnerable people. Which will boost the force's ability to protect vulnerable people such as victims of violent and sexual crimes, domestic abuse and child sexual exploitation.

Improvements will always need to be made and I fully support the reports request that Chief Constables ensure information management processes are in place which focus on outcomes for children who go missing, and that they provide better analysis to understand the effectiveness of the police and multi-agency responses. I will welcome any changes that need to be made and want to ensure the protection of children is paramount.

Yours sincerely

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