



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 joint inspection of North Yorkshire Police Custody.

I am pleased the inspection found that custody services at North Yorkshire Police have improved, and importantly, good progress had been made regarding individuals detained under the Mental Health Act. I have long campaigned for better services for people with mental health problems who come into contact with the police, and we are now seeing the benefits of having four Places of Safety in North Yorkshire whereas there were none when I came to office in 2012.

There is always more we can do and I will work with the Chief Constable to ensure services continue to improve. I was particularly disappointed to see the Appropriate Adult service for children and vulnerable adults was under-performing having raised this with the County Council, the statutory provider. I will raise this again and hope to make the same strides with Appropriate Adult services that we have seen with mental health support and Places of Safety.

Yours sincerely

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