



Home Secretary  
c/o Gareth Redmond  
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Home Office, Marsham Street  
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Dear Home Secretary

**North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) response to the HMIC's inspection; 'Joint inspection of the provision of charging decisions' dated May 2015.**

North Yorkshire Police (NYP) are making welcome progress to ensure the recommendations in this report are made. With the introduction of the Investigation Hubs and the development of the Case Quality Review Team, the Chief Constable is doing everything possible to ensure file quality is achieved and appropriate decisions are being made. I will be monitoring this situation closely.

The Chief Constable and I will also proactively monitor recommendations given to others working in criminal justice, as improvements in this area of business is reliant on improvements made by partner agencies. We will be paying particular attention to changes to local performance data, as well as the provision of early investigative advice from the CPS.

It is very positive to see the steps NYP are taking to develop a feedback process, after recognising issues with file quality. NYP have set an eighteen month timescale to improve the quality of their case files and a training programme, supported by ACC Kennedy, is under development. I am pleased to see that, throughout this time period NYP itself will ensure that progress will be regularly monitored, through the Operations Delivery Board. I hope these changes will ensure file and case quality is entrenched into day to day delivery. Further to this, this subject is monitored by the Local Criminal Justice Board, on which I sit and is discussed at Corporate Performance meetings. This ensures that the progress of this subject is scrutinised regularly.

Yours sincerely

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**Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire**

