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Home Secretary,

North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCCs) response to the HMIC Thematic report on "Mistakes were Made" dated March 2013

'Mistakes Were Made' was a significant thematic report on allegations and intelligence material concerning Jimmy Savile between 1964 and 2012. You will know the Chief Constable and I recently voluntarily referred North Yorkshire Police to the IPCC following internal and peer led investigations into the way in which the force recorded and responded to reports it received against two men regarding child sex abuse were handled. At the time of writing North Yorkshire Police has not heard back from the IPCC into how they would like to proceed.

On the report itself, I note the three recommendations. The College's work on encouraging victims to come forward is important. Locally the Sexual Assault Referral Centre which recently opened in York has paid dividends. This needs to go hand in hand with improved confidence nationally that victims of sexual abuse will be cared for and supported, which extends beyond the remit of Police and Crime Commissioners.

Safeguarding is also an important issue, and one which the Crime Directorate at North Yorkshire Police take extremely seriously. We are working with all our partners to ensure we offer vulnerable children and adults the best service possible.

Mandatory reporting is an issue for the Home Office to consider, and I look forward to seeing how this idea develops if considered appropriate.

I look forward to HMIC's re-inspection on this subject matter, "Building the Picture", this coming year.

Yours sincerely

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North Yorkshire's Police & Crime Commissioner

