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Dear Sir Tom

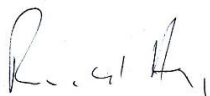
I am writing to thank you for the positive report of the PEEL efficiency inspection of Durham Constabulary, recently carried out by HMIC.

It is of course a source of pride to me that Durham is one of only two forces in the country to be rated as 'outstanding'. I pay tribute to the leadership of Chief Constable Mike Barton, and the dedication and professionalism of the Police and staff of the Constabulary. I will continue to hold the Force to account, to ensure that such a high standard can be maintained in the future.

I am aware that discussions are continuing about the future of the police funding formula. Durham's achievement is due to effective management of our reduced resources. In taking decisions about the formula, I am sure you will agree with me that the Government should not penalise those forces which are more efficient and reward those that are less. I have written to the Minister to suggest that in order to achieve the stated policy objective of encouraging efficiency, it will be important to check the proposed effects of the formula against the HMIC efficiency results.

Durham's success is reflected in the number of requests from other forces, in the UK and internationally, who are taking an interest in the work that we do. We have hosted many visitors, and would be pleased to welcome you to Durham if you would like to come to us at some point in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Ron Hogg
Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner