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Dear Ms So,

PUBLISHING RESPONSES TO THE SUPER-COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION RECOMMENDATIONS

As you will be aware when we made recommendations in our *Report on the Criminal Justice Alliance's super-complaint*, we asked the bodies concerned to let us know if they accepted our recommendations within a 56-day period. We are writing now to update you about our plans for how we will share the responses we have received.

We made recommendations to chief constables, the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), the Home Office and the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC). We asked chief constables to send their responses to the NPCC. Similarly, we asked police and crime commissioners or equivalents, to respond to the APCC.

We consider it essential that there is transparency concerning these responses and so we intend to publish the responses on the gov.uk website. This is especially important as we do not have statutory powers to require recipients to implement the recommendations.

So far we have received responses from the NPCC and APCC. We are awaiting a response from the Home Office, and a further response from the NPCC with information about force responses. We intend to publish these responses on gov.uk after reporting restrictions are lifted, following the May 2024 Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

At the same time, we will also publish updates on the actions we assigned to the College of Policing and HMICFRS. These will explain that:

- The College has begun scoping the update to the stop and search national policing curriculum outlined in Action 1. As set out in the action, details of this work will be included in the next College business plan.
- The College has also begun work with Assistant Chief Constable Andy Mariner, the new national lead for stop and search, to support the delivery of recommendation 2. ACC Mariner and the College are committed to developing tactical support products for recording section 60 authorisation. As set out in the NPCC's response to the super-complaint, once developed they will be shared internally. ACC Mariner has committed to maintain a dialogue with CJA and other stakeholders. Through these conversations you will be updated about our ongoing progress.
- In line with Action 2, the College will bid to the police science, technology and research (STAR) fund in the next financial year (2024/25). This bid will aim to support the evaluation of initiatives that support officers to use their stop and search powers in well-targeted and procedurally just ways.
- In response to Action 3, subject to funding from the Home Office, HMICFRS is considering inspecting how the recommendations we made to police forces have been addressed. We will update you once our funding has been decided.

We will confirm the publication date with you once it has been agreed, and share the NPCC, APCC and Home Office responses with you under embargo shortly before we publish them.

We would again like to thank you for putting a spotlight on such an important issue. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Susan Willcox at Susan.Willcox@hmicfrs.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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