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Dear Yvette,

I am writing to let you know that the IOPC has today published **Outcomes Reports Following IOPC Independent Investigations for 2018/19 and 2019/20**.

This is the first time we are publishing details of our investigation outcomes. This is an important part of our commitment to openness and transparency and we will now report this information annually.

I am aware the publication of information on outcomes is an issue that has been raised to the Home Affairs Committee during the Police Conduct and Complaints inquiry, which is ongoing. The IOPC made a commitment to the Secretary of State for the Home Department that we would begin to publish outcomes from our work in the final quarter of the 2020/21 financial year. The publication of this information has been delayed slightly by the pre-election period for the police and crime commissioner elections. I am pleased that, now the restrictions in place during the pre-election period are ended, we are able to publish these figures.

The reports show that more than 1,500 police officers and staff have faced examination by the IOPC for their conduct in two years. Over those two years:

- 1,435 investigations were carried out by the IOPC, of which 693 (48%) examined the conduct of at least one individual and 236 (16%) included at least one person under criminal caution
- 1,504 people were investigated by the IOPC in relation to their conduct and 58% (867) were either found to have a case to answer or faced other action, such as unsatisfactory performance proceedings
- 327 people were criminally investigated by the IOPC and files relating to 176 (54%) individuals were passed to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to consider charges

- 51 people were subsequently charged by the CPS with a criminal offence as a result of an IOPC investigation, with a further seven charging decisions from the CPS awaited
- Misconduct was proven in 181 of the 311 cases that went to misconduct proceedings in this period

Accountability is crucial for public confidence in policing and these reports show how the hundreds of investigations we carry out each year ensure that officers' actions are properly scrutinised.

Policing is a job that cannot be done without the confidence of the communities the police serve, or without there being independent scrutiny, and the IOPC plays an important role in this process.

For clarity, I wish to be clear that the IOPC does not determine the outcomes from all investigations. Our role is to provide independent scrutiny - providing public assurance that conduct has been looked at independently and impartially, with accountability taking many different forms.

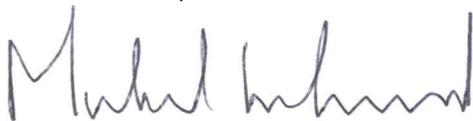
The cases we investigate can result in no case to answer, or we may make learning recommendations which change policing practices. Indeed, we have made over 400 learning recommendations to police forces and policing bodies regarding changes to policies, training, supervision and culture. This ensures the system changes, and that mistakes are not repeated.

Where we do find there is a case to answer for individual conduct, disciplinary sanctions are determined by a panel convened by the force and chaired by an independent, legally qualified chair. Criminal proceedings are led by the Crown Prosecution Service.

I hope the Committee find the reports informative as you continue your scrutiny of the police complaints and discipline system.

The outcomes reports are both available on the IOPC website www.policeconduct.gov.uk

Best wishes,



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