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Dear Mr Parr

I write in response to the publication of the HMICFRS Child Protection post inspection review for Lancashire Constabulary for 2019.

This review was particularly important for the Force after the initial inspection in October 2017 by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) highlighted serious failings in the Force's response to child protection issues. As a result, the Force instigated an action plan and the re-inspection by the HMIC carried out in December last year was an important step in assessing the progress made.

It was pleasing to see that the report recognised that the force have invested significant time and effort in improving the knowledge of its officers and staff in respect of child protection. Further, I am particularly pleased that with clear leadership from the chief officer group, the culture of the force is becoming increasingly child-focused, leading to better decisions.

I am aware that the inspectors found a few areas where the force still has more work to do. However, all of these areas for improvement have been identified by the force through its own audit and governance arrangements, and plans are in place to address them. This gives me confidence that the force will continue with the progress made so far.

In the meantime I will continue to scrutinise this important area of work and ensure Lancashire Police remains fully focused on the protection of children.

Yours sincerely

Clive Grunshaw
Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire