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Dear Craig

HMICS ASSURANCE REVIEW OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 2026 regarding my request, and that of the Chief Constable, to pause publication of the above report.

From the Authority's perspective, the pause in publication was intended to allow us to assess the potential for the report's findings to impact ongoing conduct cases. The request was made against the backdrop of our previously communicated concerns about a lack of balance and context in respect of some of the report's content.

Having considered the matter further, I am satisfied that any unwarranted prejudice to ongoing proceedings can be managed.

This is the first occasion on which the Authority has sought to delay publication of an HMICS report, and I trust you understand our motivation for doing so. I am grateful to you for the opportunity to comment on the draft findings and for your decision to pause the publication of the report.

Finally, I would appreciate sight of your external communications one week prior to the publication of the report, so that we may prepare our own communications accordingly and brief Authority members.

Yours sincerely



CHRIS BROWN
Chief Executive