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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you in response to the email we received on 8 July from Carly Fry, your Assistant Director of Performance and Scrutiny, in relation to our recently published report *Tone from the top; Leadership, ethics and accountability*. In the email Ms Fry pointed out that at 3.37 on page 55 our report inaccurately states that:

"In Essex, the Chief Constable has established themed quarterly challenge meetings in public as an opportunity to present data and case studies on police performance."

Ms Fry requested that the section be amended to state:

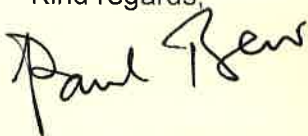
"In Essex, the Police and Crime Commissioner has established themed quarterly challenge meetings where members of the public can directly ask questions of the Chief Constable. This also serves as an opportunity to present data and case studies on police performance."

We have revisited the notes we made during our visit to Essex and can confirm that the wording in our report was inaccurate and thank you for bringing the matter to our attention. Regrettably it is not possible for us to amend our report now that it has been published as a Command paper. We will, however, publish this letter alongside the report on our corporate website to highlight the error. We invite you to publish this letter also.

I hope that this solution will be sufficient.

I should like to extend my thanks to you and your staff once again for your contributions to our report and sincere apologies for our oversight.

Kind regards,



Paul Bew
Chair