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Dear Home Secretary and HMICFRS

***Response from David Munro, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to the National HMICFRS report 'The poor relation: The police and CPS response to crimes against older people'***

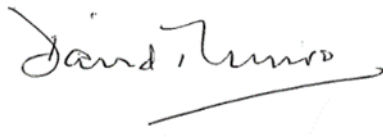
I welcome this report which highlights improvements needed across the criminal justice system to support not just older people but victims of crime in general. Whilst I am pleased that initial police response nationally is good, the service must get better at investigating crimes and support the vulnerable.

I have asked the Chief Constable, Gavin Stephens, for his views on the report, to which he has said:

*"I welcome the July 2019 HMICFRS 'Crimes Against Older People' Inspection report and recognise the issues which it highlights as having a significant impact upon police. Surrey Police capture a range of data sets, which are used to assess crimes against older people related to demand and identify opportunities for improvement. This is an area the Force will consider for additional resourcing as part of the proposed national uplift. The recommendations will be recorded and monitored through our existing governance structures and the strategic lead will oversee their implementation."*

My office will monitor Surrey Police progress in supporting older victims of crime and I have asked for a more detailed report to come to one of my regular scrutiny meetings with the Chief Constable.

Yours sincerely

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**David Munro**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner**