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Dear Cllr Stewart

**POLICE SCOTLAND PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC PROTECTION
COMMITTEE**

I refer to your correspondence of 20 October 2020, received by my office on 6 November, regarding Chief Superintendent Macdonalds' presentation on Digitally Enabled Policing to the Public Protection Committee (PPC).

There is no doubt that public health restrictions have placed significant challenges on how organisations conduct their business. The need to adapt into a more virtual space has been immediate and not without risk, however I am delighted to hear that the Committee were impressed by the Divisional teams virtual presentation. The Authority itself has been reassured by the significant effort that Police Scotland has made to adapt its approach to engaging with the Authority, stakeholders and the public throughout this pandemic.

It is indeed fitting that the presentation was illustrating the work underway on Digitally Enabled Policing. Policing, more than most, has been having to adapt and respond to a digital environment to protect individuals, pursue criminals and prevent crime for some time and that requirement is growing.

As requested, I have copied your correspondence to the Chief Constable, who I am sure will be appreciative of this positive feedback.

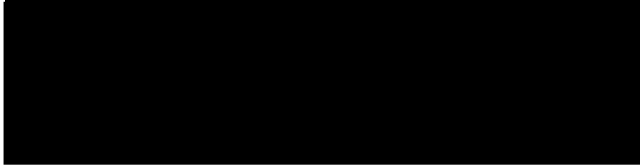
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In addition, I have shared your correspondence with members of the [SPA's Policing Performance Committee](#) who provide effective oversight and scrutiny of improvement in policing.

Thank you again for taking the time to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



DAVID CRICHTON
Interim Chair

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