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#### **PROMOTING IMPROVEMENTS IN POLICING**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 November 2019 and apologies for the delayed response.

2. I discussed your letter with my fellow board members at our board meeting on 19 November 2019.
3. It was decided that a joint inspection in this year's inspection programme is impractical, since the inspection year is almost complete.
4. I would encourage you, however, to make the case for a joint inspection when we consult on the 2020-2021 inspection programme and framework. It may be advantageous for you to do this for each of the criminal justice inspectorates.
5. As you of course know, it is ultimately a matter for the Home Office, the Attorney General and the Ministry of Justice whether such a joint inspection is to be done. You may also wish to consider asking them to require this inspection in the coming inspection year.

Yours sincerely,



**Sir Thomas Winsor WS**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary