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Dear

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Thank you for your written response to my annual report. In your response you asked for some additional information regarding arrests, charging and conviction rates.

In 16/17, West Midlands Police made 36,257 arrests. In 17/18 this rose to 39,868 representing an increase of 10%. In that period, arrests fell across England and Wales by 8%.

In terms of outcomes, as defined by the Home Office, the charge rate in the West Midlands is 10% which is the same as the England and Wales and is above the average of our most similar force group of 8%. Of the 233,393 crimes recorded in the West Midlands in 2017/18 23,663 resulted in a charge.

Conviction rates are held by the courts.

Regarding positive outcomes of greater public participation. The more engaged communities we have, the more action can be taken to empower others and support community safety activity. The increase in those signed up to WMNow is reflecting that.

As requested, in future annual reports you will find a statement of progress against measures identified in the Police and Crime Plan.

In the version of the annual report which will be published on my website following design you will see more narrative around increases in crime and complaints. There will also be a limited print run which will be sent to central libraries.

Yours sincerely

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David Jamieson
Police and Crime Commissioner