



HMICFRS
Monitoring Portal Team

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**POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER RESPONSE TO THE HMICPSI and HMICFRS
Joint Inspection: 'Joint case building by the police and Crown Prosecution Service:
final report.**

I present my comments in response to the above published report within the requirements of s55 (5) of the Police Act 1996.

I welcome and acknowledge the findings of this joint thematic inspection, I also understand this has been a thorough process which interim findings were published in 2024 although taken until 2025 to finalise the report this highlights the complexities of the issues at hand. Despite recommendations made in previous reviews, fundamental issues remain unchanged and has highlighted the work that needs to be done to improve in this important area of policing and the vital relationship with the Crown Prosecution Service which is critical in an efficient and effective criminal justice system.

The inspection whereby South Wales Police and CPS Cymru were one of the areas where file examinations took place has displayed the positive effect of senior collaboration on the impact and the approach to joint working on the frontline.

I will ensure my office works closely with the force and monitor its progress towards making the necessary changes, taking an evidence-based approach gaining assurance through my governance, holding to account and performance monitoring framework.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Wools', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emma Wools
Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales