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Dear Ed

### Recorded crime statistics re-assessment

I agree that our conversation was really useful. In particular it was helpful to know your drivers for action, particularly around the recording of the data on police systems. I have asked [REDACTED] to get in touch with [REDACTED] to talk through the material that he and I have shared with UKSA colleagues on this issue. My suggestion would be for this to happen in the week after our publication of our crime and justice survey results on Friday, as this will allow discussion of the comparison of recorded crime and that data.

It was helpful to think about the focus just on the recording issue for now: as we discussed we want to avoid any hint that reassessment activity has come in the way of robust recorded crime figures being published and used in decision making in June.

Thanks also for the information on health statistics user event and on GERS. See you soon.

Roger

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Dear Roger

Thank you for yesterday's meeting. It was very helpful.

In terms of what we agreed, I think we said you would ask the relevant analysts to arrange a meeting very soon to talk through the key areas of assurance that you are able to provide.

I said I would encourage my team to be fully aware of the time pressures the analysts are under to create robust figures for the June release; and in recognition of that, we would adopt a two phase approach - the first phase consisting of assurance on those areas that are easier for the analysts to provide (assurance on the issues that caused problems in England and Wales; the routine issues of on-going compliance

with the Code); and the second phase only taking place once the analysts have addressed the complexities of data extraction and validation. In this way, all the straightforward work will be complete in good time, leaving only the challenges of compiling robust data for the June release until later. On the point about routine compliance, I am sure this won't be burdensome, since the analysts will I'm sure have maintained compliance since the original assessment of the statistics a few years ago.

Please do let me know if there's anything you'd like to discuss in this summary - and my team look forward to hearing from the analysts very soon to set up an initial meeting

Ed

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