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Thank you for your letter of 19 October enclosing a copy of the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths, following the inquest into the death of Ms Donna Ann Constantine.

I was saddened to learn about the death of Ms Constantine and I would first like to express my deepest condolences to her family for their loss.

I acknowledge your concerns detailed in your report, and should stress that police forces are operationally independent and, as such, it is for the Greater Manchester Police, the National Police Chiefs Council and the College of Policing to address the specific issues raised about their ways of working as they relate to the inquest into the death of Ms Constantine. However, I can reassure you that the NPCC and CoP, who you have named in the report and have operational responsibilities are aware of the recommendations and are working together to address them and respond within the requisite 56-day period.

As a department I can advise we will continue to liaise with the NPCC and CoP on the development of policing policy and ensure that they take forward their response to your recommendations.

Additionally, I would like to assure you that the police take their duty of care towards vulnerable people very seriously and work hard to ensure appropriate and safe outcomes for the public that they serve.

Improving the way in which the police respond to people who have vulnerabilities, whether they are suspected of committing a crime or not, is of utmost importance to me and we are playing our part to ensure that vulnerable people receive the treatment and care they need when they come into contact with the police.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter. I hope that my response has demonstrated that we take the duty of care of vulnerable people seriously and continue to work to make improvements.

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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP