

Minister of State for Policing and Crime

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Dear Dr Radcliffe,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 October 2025 to the Home Secretary enclosing a copy of the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths, following the inquest into the death of Georgia Jay Barter. I am replying as the Minister of State for Crime and Policing.

I would first like to express my deepest condolences to Georgia's family for their loss.

The Police National Database (PND) is a national intelligence sharing system, which provides a consolidated view of data held locally by police forces and Law Enforcement Agencies. The PND contains 6.3 billion searchable records and 19m images. It uses algorithms to match people of interest, locations, vehicles, events and other items. Around 1.3m PND searches are completed each month.

PND is used by 43 police forces in England and Wales, Police Scotland, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Isle of Man Police and the States of Jersey Police.

Data from PND is provided to frontline officers by designated and specially trained staff in each police force. These account for c. 12,000 licences. The Home Office and National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) work and pro-actively engage with police forces to ensure that their allocation of licences is managed effectively and provides PND access to key areas of operational policing.

The PND went live in 2011 and receives regular technical upgrades. The Home Office has a current programme designed to alleviate some of the current legacy challenges and to stabilise this Critical National Infrastructure application prior to any wider transformation of police intelligence.

The PND has a system of intensive monitoring and service support, and consistently meets its service level agreements for End-user Availability.

Tackling violence against women and girls, including domestic abuse, is a top priority for this Government with a manifesto mission to halve violence against women and girls in a decade. We will deliver a cross-government transformative approach, underpinned by a

new strategy which we aim to publish as soon as possible.

In February 2025, we announced a new National Policing Centre for VAWG and Public Protection. We are investing £13.1 million this financial year (2025/26) with the new Centre launched in April 2025. This funding includes an uplift of nearly £2 million to enable policing to better target these crimes.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Very best wishes,

Minister of State for Policing and Crime