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Dear Christine

Thank you for your letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 regarding the Panel's consideration of the third annual report.

At the end of 2014/15 official recorded crime figures did increase by 5.8%, but this was largely down to changes in the way crime is recorded. The Nottingham Respect survey findings for 2014 showed that people feel safer than ever and they have more confidence in the police.

I am pleased that members of the Panel have recognised the huge financial challenges the Force are operating under, which has led to the difficult decision about the reduction of PCSOs across the County. Under the Government's proposals it is quite possible that the grant Nottinghamshire Police receives will have reduced by 50% between 2010 and 2020.

It is likely that the outcome of the consultation of the policing funding arrangements and comprehensive spending review will be announced on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015. I will share the latest funding position with the Panel at the planned workshop on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Despite the financial pressure the annual report sets out achievements on policing, collaboration with other forces, mental health, victim services and neighbourhoods.

I am immensely grateful for the support and challenge the panel have provided over the last financial year.

Yours sincerely



**Paddy Tipping**  
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