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Dear Jane,

I am writing to let you know that tomorrow I will be publishing my review of the statistics the IPCC produce on deaths during or following police contact. Thank you to your team for their willingness to engage with my team to provide them with the necessary information required for the review.

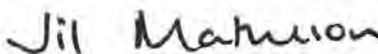
We conclude that both publications have been collated conscientiously with a consistent process that is followed routinely for the annual statistics. We have concluded that the four specific cases criticised as being incorrectly classified have been correctly classified and presented in the publications where appropriate by the research team.

However, in order to enhance the public's understanding we have made some recommendations for how future publications could be made clearer. You'll see that my key suggestions are to:

- Make clear from the outset where future research studies are one off publications and how they relate to the regular statistical publications.
- Provide users with more information on the process for compiling the statistics – to improve trust in the statistics and how they are produced.
- Consider including in the annual statistics more detail on cause of death, including figures for secondary cause of death.
- Consider putting the annual statistics forward for an assessment by the UK Statistics Authority against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
- Further develop the working relationship with the Home Office Head of Profession for Statistics.

I hope you find the report useful.

Yours sincerely



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