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By email

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Dear all,

Police Funding Formula Consultation

I am writing to offer my own apology for the data error in the exemplifications provided by the Home Office on 8 October and for the disruption this has caused to the consultation process on the new funding formula. I am grateful to the Office of the Devon & Cornwall PCC for bringing this to our attention.

As the Minister for Policing, Crime, Criminal Justice and Victims and the Permanent Secretary told Parliament last week, the Government has concluded that we should delay the use of a new formula to allocate the central grant until FY 2017-18. Allocations for FY 2016-17 will therefore be made on the basis of current arrangements and will be announced in the usual way following the Spending Review. The postponement will allow us to work with all police and crime commissioners and chief constables to identify the next steps and to ensure that we can deliver a reformed funding formula that all in policing can support.

As I hope you agree, to reflect the current and future demands on policing, and to incentivise efficient and effective delivery, the principles of a population-based formula, adjusted for population and environmental characteristics, are sound and command a wide consensus. Thank you for your contribution so far and in advance for continuing to work with us as we develop a new formula to allocate the central grant for policing in England and Wales.

The Minister will write shortly to propose next steps.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Calam
Director General, Crime and Policing