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Dear Jennette

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2015 about the petition presented to the Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 2 December, relating to Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

Following the recent CSR announcement, I am very pleased to be able to confirm, as I said at MQT on 16 December, that there will remain at least one PCSO and Police Constable dedicated to each ward for at least the next year.

I have prioritised this because neighbourhood policing is at the heart of my Police and Crime Plan, integral to intelligence gathering for crime and counter-terrorism and because it is clearly important for Londoners.

The CSR was a very positive announcement for us. We will not, however, know the full details of the settlement for London until all of the elements of grant from the Home Office have been finalised.

However, the funding settlement does not mean that we can be complacent. I am determined to ensure that the Metropolitan Police Service continues to deliver great service and great value to Londoners and I will continue the reform of policing that has been so successful in London, reducing crime whilst reducing costs and transforming how we work.

I have repeatedly stated my commitment to maintain officer numbers at about 32,000 during my term in office and to support neighbourhood policing and am very happy to be able to reaffirm this.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London