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Dear Andrew,

Re: Information-sharing protocol

I am writing in connection with the question you asked me in the House on 14th October, about the proportion of local authorities in England and Wales that have adopted the 2013 information-sharing protocol between the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), police and councils.

As you are probably aware implementation of the measures in the national protocol is secured through the agreement of local arrangements. The CPS does not maintain any central record of the number of local authorities that have actually adopted the national 2013 Protocol. However, in a recent survey of Chief Crown Prosecutors, the CPS found that, following the publication of the national multi-agency 2013 protocol, 82 of the 174 Local Authorities responsible for children's services have so far signed local disclosure protocols.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House for the information of other Members.

Yours ever

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