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Dame Diana Johnson MP
Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee

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Dear Dame Diana

Publication of the Terms of Reference for Part 1 of the Angiolini Inquiry

I am pleased to inform you that, following the appointment of the Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini QC as Chair, the Terms of Reference for Part 1 of the inquiry into the issues raised by the tragic and harrowing murder of Sarah Everard by a serving officer have now been agreed. These have been published on GOV.UK and are appended to this letter. As previously announced, the purpose of Part 1 is to ensure that we have a comprehensive understanding of the policing career of Sarah's killer and understand any opportunities missed. The intention is that this work is concluded swiftly to provide answers to Sarah's family and to the wider public, and to provide the starting point for a broader consideration of the various issues arising, likely to include policing culture and vetting.

Given the specific aims of Part 1, Dame Elish has agreed that it should be undertaken on a non-statutory basis to give her greater flexibility to pursue her investigation quickly and reach conclusions as soon as practicable. As I have stressed before, should it become apparent that Dame Elish cannot deliver the objectives of the Inquiry without the powers provided to inquiry Chairs under the Inquiries Act (for example the power to compel witnesses) I will, of course, consider conversion to a statutory Inquiry.

The findings of Part 1 will inform my discussions with Dame Elish as to what further, broader, issues arise for policing and the protection of women should be considered in Part 2 of the Inquiry. I will also seek Dame Elish's views and advice from my officials on whether Part 2 should be placed a statutory footing.

A copy of this letter and the Terms of Reference will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

w.r.k. and your wishes

Rt Hon Priti Patel MP