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Dear Cllr Bentley,

**Police & Crime Panel Meeting: 7 April 2017 – Stalking and Harassment**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 May 2017 which included the excerpts from the minutes in relation to the Stalking and Harassment agenda item. I can confirm the following in respect of the two recommendations made by the Panel, as set out below:

- i) The completion of a National Centre for Applied Learning Technologies (NCALT) e-learning training package for stalking and harassment is mandatory for all police officers, all police staff in frontline or front-facing roles and all police staff senior leaders. To date, 77% of all active police officers and staff in those roles have completed this NCALT training.

Sussex Police received independent training from national charity Paladin. There are now over 25 Stalking Ambassadors in the Force, with an enhanced level of understanding, for other police officers and staff to contact with questions or concerns.

- ii) National Stalking Awareness Week took place between 24 and 28 April 2017. I featured in a video blog to explain why it was important to support the week and what is being done in Sussex to help victims. This video can be viewed through the following link: [www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-tv/national-stalking-awareness-week-2017/](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/pcc-tv/national-stalking-awareness-week-2017/)

In addition to the above, I can confirm that I have now commissioned Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary to undertake an inspection into the Sussex Police response to stalking and harassment which will, hopefully, take place later this year.

I trust this is useful to you  
Yours sincerely  
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