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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: s28A Police Reform Act 2002 (PRA) recommendation in relation to use of incapacitant spray when a subject is suspected of having something in their mouth

Thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2019 regarding the above addressed to my predecessor Ian Todd. I am pleased to note that the College has obtained expert advice from Dr Meng. Before commenting further I would be grateful to receive the proposed amendments to the Personal Safety Manual referred to in your letter together with (a) an indication when these will be published by the College and (b) details of how this will be brought to the attention of policing bodies for inclusion in their officer training.

As you will be aware, responses to s28A recommendations are required to be published under the PRA and we intend to do so in due course. We will also provide a copy of your letter and Dr Meng's report to [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Green', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

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