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Subject: RE: Question on letter sent by Home Office Permanent Secretary to Gavin Stephens on 14 January 2026
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Hi S.40(2)

Many thanks for below – apologies for the delay.

I can confirm that the letter from the Permanent Secretary was published on Chiefs Net for the attention of all Chief Constables on 26 January 2026 (I have attached the final letter that we have in case helpful).

I hope this is helpful however if you need any further information please do let me know.

Regards and thanks.

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Hi S.40(2)

Sorry to chase but do you know whether and when this about retention of relevant records was disseminated to Chiefs? This was raised at the Home Affairs Select Committee yesterday and it would be great to know to help structure our response.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

S.40(2)

From: S.40(2)

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Hi S.40(2)

My name is S.40(2) from the CSE Response team. I am emailing you as you are on S.40(2) out of office. I am emailing about a letter sent by the Home Office Permanent Secretary to Gavin Stephens on 14 Jan 2026. The letter (attached in draft form) flagged the need for full transparency and cooperation with the Independent Inquiry into Grooming Gangs, the need for relevant bodies and agencies to start preparing to meet their legal obligations to provide relevant records to the inquiry when requested, and a request for the NPCC to cascade this message to all Chief Constables.

Data retention, and whether Chief Constables have been notified of their need to retain relevant records, was raised at the Home Affairs Select Committee today. Could you please confirm whether and when this message was disseminated to Chiefs? If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

S.40(2)

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