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Dear Mr Hellewell

I am writing to thank you for your recent message of condolence on the sad deaths of Constables Nicola Hughes and Fiona Bone. This has been a tragic loss of two fine officers who were dedicated to the public service and who were going about their normal duties on the day. Both officers had impressed their supervisors and their colleagues throughout their service with their professionalism, patience and commitment. Both were known for the care and compassion they showed to victims of crime.

This has obviously been a grave and sudden loss to the families and loved ones of Fiona and Nicola. They have been comforted by the knowledge that both officers died doing the job they loved. I cannot tell you how they and the whole of GMP have been uplifted by the enormous display of public support and sympathy at this difficult time. This has come from colleagues in this country and around the world and but overwhelmingly from ordinary members of the public.

British policing is constantly under the spotlight. Our staff do their best to serve the public around the clock dealing with many different types of incidents often in violent, distressing and complex circumstances. The public has high expectations of us and rightly holds us to account when we fail. What is clear from the response to these murders as illustrated by your own letter is that there is a deep well of appreciation and support for the day to day work of officers and the sacrifices they make. Fiona and Nicola were acting on behalf of society and the attack on them is an attack on all of us.

We will continue to support the families of Fiona and Nicola in the difficult months and years ahead as they mourn the loss of such deeply loved young women. We are most grateful that you took the time to express your sympathies.

Yours sincerely

Sir Peter Fahy  
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