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Dear Assistant Coroner Tagliavini,

Thank you for writing to me with a copy of your report in relation to the death of Lauren Barfoot. You have asked that I write to you detailing the response from Greenwich Police. I have included the relevant quotation from your report below.

"There was a failure by the MPS Missing Persons Unit (Greenwich) to carry out an effective search for Lauren as a consequence of the lack of information not shared with the Unit by those responsible for looking after and searching for Lauren, and therefore a missed opportunity for the Missing Person's Unit to classify Lauren as a "high risk missing person".

Action identified by the Assistant Coroner which should be taken in relation to this matter.

"The means by which the Missing Persons Unit (Greenwich) is able to access essential information in respect of a missing person, in order to carry out an effective prioritisation of resources required for any search".

I enclose a report detailing our actions, addressing the specific issues of information sharing and risk assessment, but also our broader response to the serious case review that followed Lauren's death. I have caused our response to be reviewed in light of the inquest to ensure that those measures introduced following the serious case review account for the issues raised in your report and are fully embedded in current practice.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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Detective Chief Superintendent
Greenwich Borough Commander - Greenwich Borough Police