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Dear Mr Farrant,

Thank you to Nigel Stannard for providing IPCO with a response on behalf of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council to the matters identified at points 1 to 10 of my Inspector's letter dated 24 June 2024.

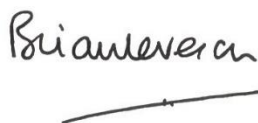
I note your council's aspiration to provide a re-refresh of the training provided to key officers in June 2021 during 2024/25. Ongoing awareness and training are an important part of ensuring compliance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and in ensuring the risks or unregulated surveillance, particularly online, is minimised.

I am satisfied that your reply provides assurance that ongoing compliance with RIPA and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 will be maintained. As such, your Council will not require further inspection this year.

I would ask that you ensure that the key compliance issues continue to receive the necessary internal governance and oversight through yourself and your Senior Responsible Officer: policy refreshes; annual updates to your Elected Members; ongoing training and awareness raising; internal compliance monitoring by lead managers within their business areas; and the retention, review and destruction (RRD) of any product obtained through the use of covert powers (Records and Product Management in accordance with the Safeguards Chapters of the relevant Codes of Practice).

Your Council will be due its next inspection in 2027, but please do not hesitate to contact my Office if IPCO can be of assistance in the intervening period.

Yours sincerely,



The Rt. Hon. Sir Brian Leveson
The Investigatory Powers Commissioner