Dear Chief Inspector,

Hidden Lives – New Beginnings: destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland

I am writing with regard to the recommendation at paragraph 62 of the Committee’s report.

As we said in our Report, we welcome Police Scotland’s proposal to seek an ‘Identified Intelligence Requirement’ through its National Intelligence Bureau to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the nature and scope of destitute asylum seekers and those with insecure immigration status.

We asked Police Scotland to provide us with an update on their findings on the ‘policing picture’ of destitution one year on from the publication of this report. As we are writing to other public authorities subject to other recommendations, we thought it might also be useful to write to you to find out whether there is any interim information you feel able to share with us at this time.
If you are in a position to respond, we would find it helpful to have your response by the end of this year as we will be considering our approach to follow-up work in this area in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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