

The Committee is highly regarded for its thoroughness and willingness to scrutinise difficult issues that have considerable public interest. I believe the protection against spitting and the use of spit guards falls into this category, and the Committee's findings would carry significant influence in shaping police policy and public confidence.

I have written to the Home Secretary regarding this matter in which I reiterated my understanding of what a disgusting act deliberately spitting mucus or blood at another person is but for the reasons outlined above feel that the Government, or Parliament, needs to bring some semblance to the issue in order to protect staff and those being detained.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martyn Underhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martyn Underhill
Chair