NORTHUMBRIA PCC RESPONSE TO HMICFRS INSPECTIONS OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

Inspection title	Joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) of the multi-agency response to child exploitation in Northumberland
Type of inspection	☑ Northumbria-specific ☐ National Thematic
Date inspection published	2 August 2019
Deadline for PCC response (56 days)	27 September 2019
Recommendations	☐ National ☑ Local

NORTHUMBRIA PCC RESPONSE TO SECRETARY OF STATE AND HMICFRS
I welcome this HMIP, HMICFRS, CQC and Ofsted joint targeted area inspection, which focuses on the multi-agency response to children experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation and/or criminal exploitation, in Northumberland. I am aware that the multi-agency partnership has recently updated its strategy on CSE to include criminal exploitation, and that this strategy and accompanying action plan are not yet fully developed. It is important that this is area of work is improved. I am pleased to note that the inspection report acknowledges the good work of Northumbria police officers in providing high quality information in CCNs and articulating risks to children well. This supports other agencies in the partnership to ensure a holistic approach to these children experiencing and/or at risk of exploitation. However, I note the causes for concern, directed not only at the force but other agencies too. Following the report, my office has liaised with Northumbria Police, who are currently working with the Director of Children's Services on the multi-agency response to the inspection report, and with all other agencies to formulate a multi-agency improvement plan. I am confident the force will continue to take appropriate action to improve the response to children at risk of/experience exploitation not just in Northumbria but across the force area. I will continue to monitor progress through my office's Scrutiny process. Yours sincerely   Kim McGuinness PCC for Northumbria