

**NORTHUMBRIA PCC RESPONSE TO HMICFRS
INSPECTIONS OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

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I welcome HMICFRS 2019 report on the effectiveness and efficiency of the police response to cyber-dependent crime, a cross-cutting area of business for forces nationwide.

I was pleased to hear that HMICFRS were largely positive about Northumbria police's present position and that the force was considered to have a clear strategy in relation to cyber-crime which staff understood and which has good oversight. However, I acknowledge that the force could benefit from further collaborative opportunities and an improved, structured regional approach.

With regard to the one force-specific AFI regarding the evaluation of forces' use of cyber specials and volunteers, Northumbria Police introduced cyber volunteers in early 2018 and utilise them in a number of ways, working both regionally and locally. The volunteers conduct vulnerability testing for businesses in relation to cyber security; develop intelligence regarding Organised Crime Groups, Registered Sex Offenders and outstanding wanted persons and work alongside frontline officers. The force's good practice is recognised nationally and further work is ongoing with the North East Transformation Innovation & Collaboration (NETIC) to bring volunteers together on a national level to make further improvements.

Northumbria Police plan to make further improvements in relation to how cybercrime is dealt with and I will continue to monitor progress through my Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely



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