NORTHUMBRIA PCC RESPONSE TO HMICFRS INSPECTIONS OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

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I thank HMIP and HMICFRS for their report following their inspection of custody suites in Northumbria in September 2019. I welcome the recommendations and areas for improvements, as well as the two examples of good practice commented upon.

The force have fully briefed me on the inspection findings and their proposals of how to further improve, for example through additional bespoke training, increasing the use of internal auditing and peer reviews to improve compliance with the provisions of APP and PACE Code C. Improvements also continue to be made through work with the 6 Northumbria local authorities with regard to Appropriate Adult provision.

Progress on recommendations and AFIs will be reported to future Scrutiny Meetings through the force's regular Custody Overview report.

Yours sincerely

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