

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

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I welcome HMICFRS recent report on the 2019 national child protection inspections. I am pleased to see the continuing hard work of forces but note that there is more work to be done to improve the response to vulnerable children. I note the inspections findings that more police resourcing is needed to improve this area of business for and I call on the government to address this, given the decreasing number of officers and force budget cuts over the past few years, as well as funding cuts to other key organizations.

I take note of the further recommendations and have consulted with Northumbria Police on the findings of the report. The force have updated their ongoing action plan accordingly, with further improvements to be made. For example, Northumbria Police have improved their MSET process which each of our 6 local authorities have signed up to. The process addresses the links between Missing and Exploitation and provides an effective platform for drawing together appropriate information and risks to children. During monthly meetings disruption regarding locations or perpetrators is also discussed. MFH Coordinators also play a key role in this information share, ensuring police systems are updated with all relevant information.

The new Northumbria Police operating model will facilitate further improvement and I am confident the force will continue taking appropriate action to satisfy the recommendations and support collaborative efforts nationally and regionally. I will continue to monitor Northumbria's progress through my Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely



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