

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

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I welcome the investigation report of the College of Policing, HMICFRS and the IOPC into Hestia's super-complaint on the police response to victims of modern slavery. I was pleased to see that progress has been made by forces since the 2017 HMICFRS inspection into modern slavery, however I note that there is more to be done to improve the response for victims.

I note the recommendations made – in particular those aimed at Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners. My office will work closely with the force to ensure progress is made, including by reviewing current support pathways for victims of modern slavery.

Northumbria Police have updated me on their current position. The Force has a specialist unit to manage and support modern slavery investigations, victims and perpetrators and provide expert advice and guidance to those conducting investigations. The Unit has the dedicated multi-agency Exploitation Hub containing specialist officers, statutory and non-statutory partners who work with exploited victims; safeguarding, signposting for assistance and supporting victims. Intelligence gaps for proactive opportunities are currently a key challenge in fully understanding modern slavery across the force area. However, the Force is seeking to address and fill those gaps through a four P Plan, both locally and by working regionally with NERSOU, Durham Constabulary and Cleveland Police. A bespoke data dashboard is also being created, to include key partner data under the ongoing development of the threat desk approach to Serious and Organised Crime domains of which MSHT is one.

I will continue to monitor progress through my Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely



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