

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

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I welcome the HMICFRS report on the police response to the Covid-19 pandemic. I was very pleased to read that although there were some inconsistencies, in general police forces took immediate and decisive action to respond to the extreme circumstances of the pandemic. I was further pleased to see recognition of the difficulties forces faced when dealing with fast-paced and unclear government guidance.

Northumbria Police have briefed me on their position against the recommendations and learning points identified, and actions have been identified to facilitate further improvement. For example, with regards to the recommendation pertaining to managing registered sex offenders, consultation took place with the NPCC lead for MOSOVO prior to lockdown when considering business continuity planning and how we maintained business as usual in the management of registered sex offenders. Clear guidance was sent to all area commanders and heads of departments regarding how to manage registered sex offenders to ensure that the guidance was followed and complied with. Some temporary measures were put in place to adhere to government guidelines. This was monitored throughout by the MOSOVO Department.

The force is already reviewing new ways of working as a result of the pandemic and I am confident that learning will continue. I will continue to monitor progress through my Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely



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