

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

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I welcome the HMICFRS thematic report focusing on police handling of protests. This is a sensitive and emotive subject to discuss, as it encroaches on human rights to express views and can impact on the trust some groups have in the police. I am pleased to see that the report acknowledges this sensitivity.

I was further pleased to see the inspectorate's acknowledgment of forces' skill, experience and effectiveness in preparing and planning for the response to protest. However, I note that there are improvements to be made, both locally and nationally.

Within Northumbria Police an organisational learning plan has now been created to capture national recommendations and AFI in respect of this thematic inspection. Actions include the convening of a Public Order working group which will include intelligence functions, legal and Communities to holistically create the new Northumbria Police Public Order Strategic Risk Assessment (SRA) based upon the new National SRA when it is published in late April 2021.

I will continue to monitor progress through my Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely



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