

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

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I thank the Inspectorate for this report on the police response to Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC). I note the two recommendations for forces, regarding the need to ensure crime scene management practices adhere to the relevant APP, and are subject to effective supervision and direction. The force have briefed me on their current position and plans to improve their response to SAC.

For example, the force have/will:

- Refresh the forensic assessment flowcharts at all contact handler desks.
- Spend time with the Communication Department in order to better understand the operating environment and then agreed a strategy with Communications SMT for ongoing and sustainable improvement.
- Develop a forensic awareness training package for Contact Handlers and frontline staff to ensure suitable advice to victims and appropriate action by responding officers/staff from the outset.
- Develop a forensic performance framework to better understand the effectiveness of the triage process and the contribution towards positive outcomes.
- Continue to conduct audits with regards to outcome codes and VCoP compliance and monitor performance through Chief Officer governance.

I will monitor progress through my Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely



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