



NORTHUMBRIA PCC RESPONSE TO HMICFRS INSPECTIONS OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

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I welcome the report on the inspection of police contribution to the prevention of homicide, which examined how effectively forces understand the pattern of homicide in their areas including the underlying causes and risks. The inspection included looking at how police use the Homicide Prevention Framework (HPF) introduced in October 2022.

The Chief Constable has provided me with a position statement in respect of Northumbria Police (NP) against the two recommendations that are specifically for Chief Constables. I am pleased to note that the introduction of the Force's Prevention Department will move the force to a more thematic position, improving their coordinated response to homicide prevention.

Rec 2: The Force Principal Analyst is currently undertaking an assessment of force and coronial data to develop an appropriate analytical product. It is expected that the product will be reported to the Serious Youth Violence & Knife Crime governance meeting. Further work is underway with Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit to understand what partner data is available to contribute to this.

Rec 3: NP have utilised the Homicide Prevention Framework and have adopted a Rapid Debrief Process. To date, two rapid debriefs have been conducted with learning identified in both. Neither of the reviews conducted to date has included partner agencies, however the model can include partners, and this is a consideration when terms of reference are agreed. Rapid Reviews are governed within the Serious Youth Violence & Knife Crime meeting and learning escalated to the Organisational Learning Board if required.

I will monitor progress where further action is required to ensure that NP are compliant through my regular HMICFRS Scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely,

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