



NORTHUMBRIA PCC RESPONSE TO HMICFRS INSPECTIONS OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

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I welcome the joint inspection report on multi-agency responses to serious youth violence, which looked at how local partnerships and services respond to children and their families when children are affected by serious youth violence.

It's really pleasing that the inspection recognised the positive impacts of Violence Reduction Units. Many of the interventions outlined as good practice are delivered by my VRU and this reassures us that we are delivering and working in a way that is effective at reducing serious youth violence.

Opportunities to further improve the ongoing work in Northumbria have been identified and this report will support our continual review of activity across the region to reduce serious youth violence.

It is reassuring that the limitations posed by short-term funding of these units, and the associated interventions, has also been highlighted as an issue that affects positive outcomes and hope that this will be considered in relation to future government funding.

We note that there are no direct recommendations however this report has been disseminated within the force so that the wider learning can be shared.

I will continue to monitor progress in relation to serious youth violence through my regular scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely,

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Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria