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To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Constable

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The Constabulary response to the HMICFRS national thematic report “Stalking and harassment – An inspection of Sussex Police commissioned by the police and crime commissioner, and an update on national recommendations in HMICFRS’s 2017 report”.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) regards to the Constabulary’s response to the report “Stalking and harassment – An inspection of Sussex Police, commissioned by the police and crime commissioner, and an update on national recommendations in HMICFRS’s 2017 report” published by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) on 10 April 2019.
- 1.2. The Constabulary’s response to the HMICFRS report was presented and agreed at BCB on 16 May 2019. This has placed a requirement upon the Constabulary to report back to BCB on the following recommendation no later than September 2019:
 - Within six months chief constables should ensure that officers are aware of the importance of treating breaches of orders, where appropriate, as part of a wider pattern of offending, and ensure that force policy and guidance helps officers to do this.

2. Progress Update:

- 2.1. The Force Policy is to adhere to Authorised Professional Practice (APP). This is widely available to officers and has been frequently signposted and subject of training and briefings.

APP sets out the importance of dealing robustly with breaches of bail, and civil protective orders and this has been covered in training inputs that have been delivered between March and June 2019 to all frontline response officers and investigators, and also to staff working within the Demand Hub.

The Force complies with the joint NPCC / CPS Protocol on the Handling of Stalking & Harassment cases that ensures that the wider pattern of offending is considered in all cases.

Compliance is monitored through scrutiny via the Data Integrity Working Group.

3. Recommendation

3.1. The Board to note the response and progress against the HMICFRS recommendation.