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Dear *Priti*

Response to HMICFRS report – “Counter-terrorism policing: An inspection of the police’s contribution to the government’s Prevent programme”

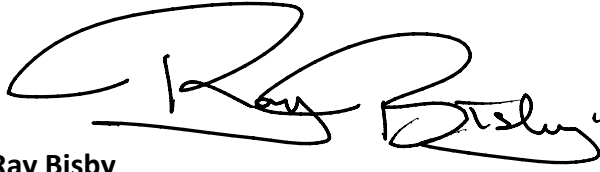
Under Section 55(5) of the Police Act 1996, as Acting Police and Crime Commissioner I am pleased to provide my formal response to HMICFRS’s report entitled “**Counter-terrorism policing: An inspection of the police’s contribution to the government’s Prevent programme**”.

Both the Chief Constable and I welcome the publication of HMICFRS’ report, examining how effective the police are in contributing to Prevent with the emphasis on what capability is in place in police forces to support Prevent; whether there is consistency in the way in which police forces operate with regional counter-terrorism units and other organisations; and whether there is effective sharing of information within policing, with other agencies, and their joint approach to communication with the public about Prevent.

I will take further reassurance from the Chief Constable via my Board meeting in due course once the recommendations are in place given that it is for police forces themselves to implement the changes.

The HMICFRS recommendations are attached in Appendix 1

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Bisby', with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Ray Bisby

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Appendix 1

HMICFRS recommendations and constabulary response

1. By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead and the College of Policing should develop a training and awareness package that encompasses continuous professional development for Prevent strategic leads in forces.
Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead and the College of Policing. The Constabulary will await further information.
2. By June 2020, the College of Policing and the NPCC national lead for public protection and safeguarding should add vulnerability to radicalisation as the 14th core discipline of public protection.
Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the College of Policing and the NPCC national lead for public protection and safeguarding. The Constabulary will await further information.
3. With immediate effect, the NPCC national Prevent lead should make sure that all fixed intelligence management units have sufficient access to the Prevent case management tracker.
Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead. The Constabulary will await further information.
4. With immediate effect, the NPCC national Prevent lead should create national guidance for the police service on applying Prevent to staff vulnerable to radicalisation or extremism, to identify a range of options, such as selection processes, welfare and vetting, including guidance on risk thresholds.
Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead. The Constabulary will await further information.
5. By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead should review the national business assurance process to assure compliance with NCTPHQ policy.
Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead. The Constabulary will await further information.
6. By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead and Office for Security and Counter-terrorism (OSCT) should develop performance measures that will help police forces assess their operational contributions to Prevent.
Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead and Office for Security and Counter-terrorism. The Constabulary will await further information.
7. With immediate effect, the NPCC national Prevent lead and each force Prevent lead should review the attendance of force representatives at Channel panels so that police are correctly represented by decision makers who can contribute to managing risk.
Force response: The Constabulary has reviewed the attendance at Channel panels and will ensure that there is appropriate local representation from the force to make effective decisions on behalf of the police.

8. By June 2020, the NPCC national Prevent lead and OSCT should undertake a national review of counter-terrorism local profiles (CTLP), to include its governance, purpose, method of creation, structure and dissemination, and produce revised CTLP guidance.
9. **Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC national Prevent lead and Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism. The Constabulary will await further information.**