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Dear *Priti*

Response to HMICFRS PEEL Spotlight report: “The Hard Yards – Police-to-Police Collaboration”

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 “**The Hard Yards – Police-to-Police Collaboration**”.

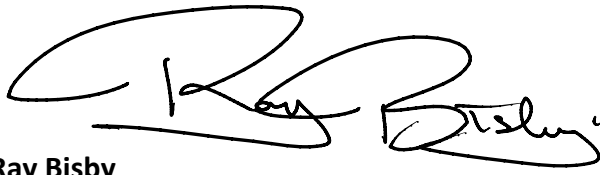
Both the Chief Constable and I welcome the publication of HMICFRS’ report looking at Police to Police collaboration.

The Constabulary is part of the Seven Force Strategic Alliance (7F) working across the Eastern Region to explore more efficient ways of working through collaboration. The 7F have recognised the importance of a strong benefits management approach. The Constabulary is also part of a well-established tri-force collaboration with Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary, with a number of shared units that provide a range of operational and specialist capabilities.

The constabulary have indicated that they will await further information on the methodology developed by the NPCC, the College of Policing, and the Home Office to ensure that they employ best practice to identify and maximise the benefits from collaboration. I will then 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 and constabulary response 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

- 1.0 By March 2021, the NPCC lead, the College of Policing and the Home Office should work together to establish a central repository for police collaborations.**

Force response: This recommendation is addressed to the NPCC lead, the College of Policing and the Home Office. The Constabulary will await further information on a central repository for police collaborations.

- 2.0 By March 2021, the NPCC lead, the College of Policing and the Home Office should identify a methodology that supports forces in tracking benefits for police collaborations. If forces haven't yet implemented an effective system to track the benefits of their collaborations, they should use the methodology created by the NPCC, the College of Policing and the Home Office.**

Force response: The Constabulary is part of the Seven Force Strategic Alliance (7F) working across the Eastern Region to explore more efficient ways of working through collaboration. The 7F have recognised the importance of a strong benefits management approach. The Constabulary is also part of a well-established tri-force collaboration with Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary, with a number of shared units that provide a range of operational and specialist capabilities. The force will await further information on the methodology developed by the NPCC, the College of Policing, and the Home Office to ensure that we employ best practice to identify and maximise the benefits from collaboration.