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| **For Information** | |
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| **Report to:** | Joint Audit & Scrutiny Panel |
| **Date of Meeting:** | 28th July 2022 |
| **Report of:** | Serious Youth Violence Theme |
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**Serious Youth Violence**

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| 1. **Purpose of the Report** |

* 1. The purpose of this report is to update the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to Serious Youth Violence and the HMICFRS Serious Youth Violence Inspection in February 2022.

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| 1. **Recommendations** |

2.1 It is recommended that the contents of this report are noted.

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| 1. **Reasons for Recommendations** |

3.1 The above recommendation is made to ensure the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Joint Audit & Scrutiny Panel (JASP) are brought up to date with the Force performance relating to Serious Youth Violence.

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| 1. **Summary of Key Points (this should include background information and options appraisal if applicable)** |

4.1 In February 2022 Nottinghamshire Police participated in the HMICFRS Serious Youth Violence Thematic Inspection. The HMICFRS Inspection was a joint inspection lead by HMICFRS and included HMICP (Probation), Ofsted (Education) and CQC (Health).

4.2 The HMICFRS Inspection was a national thematic inspection of twelve Police Forces with the overarching principle of understanding ‘How well do police address serious youth violence to reduce violent crime involving young people (particularly between the ages of 14 to 24 years).

4.3 The HMICFRS Inspection followed four themes:

* How well do the police address serious youth violence, investigate and support victims;
* How effective and efficient are the police at working with partners to implement the serious violence strategy;
* How are police led enforcement activities around serious youth violence supportive of partnership activities; and
* How efficient and effective are Violence Reduction Units (VRU) at reducing serious youth violent crime.

4.4 As part of the HMICFRS Inspection strategic, tactical and front-line staff and officers were participated one week of interviews and focus groups with representatives from Nottinghamshire Police, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, Probation, Youth Justice Services and Violence Reduction Unit. Also consulted was the Independent Advisory Group (IAG).

4.5 The final HMICFRS Inspection report is due June/July 2022. At the time of completing this report update to the JASP it has not yet been published.

4.6 At the conclusion of the HMICFRS Inspection, Inspectorates provided an initial debrief to Nottinghamshire Police and colleagues providing commentary to how the inspection had been undertaken.

4.7 Inspectorates commented on how well Nottinghamshire Police and partners had approached the HMICFRS Inspection ensuring full commitment to support the work of the HMICFRS.

4.8 Inspectorates provided feedback on the four themes of the inspection commenting on positive practices and approaches and considerations for continued development.

4.9 Inspectorates commented positively on Nottinghamshire Police approach to undertaking a whole system and child centred approach to investigating and supporting victims, particularly the use of Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (CHISVA’s).

4.10 Inspectorates commented positively on the governance of Serious Violence across the Nottinghamshire partnerships and the strategic approach undertaken, with effective tasking and use of resources to address and tackle Serious Youth Violence collectively, with positive evidence of responding to and tackling spiking’s, knife crime and County Lines.

4.11 The Inspection highlighted well established working practices across partners in relation to understanding, addressing the causes of serious violence, supporting victims and use of criminal outcomes and diversionary activities.

4.12 The HMICFRS commented on the strong partnership processes to early identify concerns, including the use of School Police Officers, the use of Public Protection Notices (PPNs) and the multi-agency information approach undertaken.

4.13 The HIMICFRS commented on areas for continued development, including continued development of engaging children, young persons and local communities to share learning and create open communication.

4.14 Continued development of partnership information sharing and the use of Outcome 22, which had been identified as a wider concern and not a Nottinghamshire specific related issue.

4.15 Subsequent to the HMICFRS Inspection Nottinghamshire Police have commenced a partnership working group led by ACC Griffin.

4.16 The working group has established a partnership action plan, with identified partnership leads for respective areas to progress development. Upon publication of the HMICFRS report this will be further reviewed by the working group.

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| 1. **Financial Implications and Budget Provision** |

5.1 None

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| 1. **Human Resources Implications** |

6.1 No Human Resources implications identified.

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| 1. **Equality Implications** |

7.1 None identified

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| 1. **Risk Management** |

8.1 Work outlined above seeks to continue development of tackling Serious Youth Violence

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| 1. **Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities** |

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| 1. **Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations** |

10.1 None

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| 1. **Details of outcome of consultation** |

11.1 Not applicable

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| **12. Appendices** |

12.1 None

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| **13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)** |

1. Not applicable

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