

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's response to the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) - Increasingly everyone's business: A progress report on the police response to domestic abuse (15 Dec 2015).

In March 2014, HMIC published a report, Everyone's business: improving the police response to domestic abuse, that found significant weaknesses in the services that were provided to victims of domestic abuse by the Police services and made 13 force-specific recommendations which should be considered in conjunction with 11 recommendations to all forces set out in HMIC's national report on domestic abuse.

In addition, as part of its annual inspections into Police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL), HMIC's effectiveness programme assessed how well forces keep people safe and reduce crime. Within this programme, [HMIC's PEEL: Police Effectiveness -Vulnerability \(15 Dec 2015\)](#) examined the overall question, 'How effective are forces at protecting from harm those who are vulnerable and supporting victims which included victims of domestic abuse. So there have been a number of HMIC reports and numerous recommendations focused on improving the Force's response and support to victims of domestic abuse.

Overall, in this specific report, HMIC reported that it was encouraged that this inspection found that Police leaders, officers, PCSOs and staff have acted on the messages of its 2014 report and Forces now see tackling domestic abuse as an important priority for them hence domestic abuse is increasingly becoming 'everyone's business' but more needs to be done.

Tackling domestic abuse has been a priority of mine ever since I took office in 2012. I have set the Chief Constable numerous performance indicators and strategic actions and provided high levels of funding to better support victims. I am pleased to say that our local survey reveals that 9 out of every 10 Domestic Abuse victims are satisfied with the whole Police experience and more victims are confident in reporting such crimes to the Police.

Whilst, I wish to see more victims having the confidence to come forward and report such crimes, I have set the Chief Constable a target to reduce the level of repeat victimisation. Of course this will involve effective partnership working. For the first time, in my refreshed Police and Crime plan (2016-18), I have also asked the Chief Constable to monitor the proportion of domestic violence victims who are deemed high and medium risk and would expect to see lower levels of repeat victimisation for high risk victims.

The Force has a dedicated 4ACTION database for tracking and responding to HMIC recommendations and areas for improvement. Following this HMIC report I am aware that the force has provided HMIC with an action plan on progress made toward implementing the report's recommendations. In addition, the Force provides regular HMIC update reports to my Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel who provide additional scrutiny in these important areas.

To ensure that survivors of domestic and sexual abuse have access to effective specialist support, I have been working with the County and City Councils and Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group to pool funding and co-commission integrated services. In the County

contracts to deliver an integrated domestic violence support service have been awarded to Nottinghamshire Women's Aid for the north and WAIS for the south. The new services began in October 2015.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paddy Tipping'.

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