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RESPONSE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER OF WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON TO THE HMICFRS REPORT

Twenty years on, is MAPPA achieving its objectives?

Police and Crime Commissioner's comments

The joint inspection offers a valuable opportunity for forces to ensure their multi agency public protection continues to operate effectively. It is therefore a matter of extreme importance Wiltshire's police service have the frameworks in place to work within the MAPPA boards and successfully manage any risks posed.

The HMIC recommendations highlight a need to identify, and risk manage domestic abuse perpetrators. I am pleased to say Wiltshire Police continuously monitor for any individual that pose a risk to others and have the intelligence facilities in place to ensure high risk individuals are routinely identified.

It is of concern to me coordinators and offender supervisors may be overstretched and that MAPPA training facilities insufficient. I have worked with the College of Policing to champion the development of new innovative courses for all forces, alongside supported services that deliver outcomes which relate to the prevention and reduction of domestic abuse.

During 2021-22 over £600,000 of funding was utilised to support the partner agencies providing services to victims of these serious crimes. Over 4,400 victims of domestic abuse were supported by specialist services and 900 victims of sexual violence. With services ranging from counselling for to advocacy.

Where improvements are needed it is my job to scrutinise and challenge the force on behalf of Wiltshire's residents. This is significant where improvements are required to ensure the safety of vulnerable people. Consequentially my office has strengthened performance oversight driving new implementations, such as the vulnerability performance app. This tool is to enable front line officers the ability to navigate crime reports rapidly and improve how we manage and prevent vulnerability.

I am pleased to say in recent weeks Wiltshire police have also recruited additional staffing and delivery of additional domestic abuse training to all front-line police officers. I require further assurance action is underway to ensure the MAPPA recommendations will be effectively delivered and that lasting changes are at the for front of the force's delivery plan