



RESPONSE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER OF WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON TO THE HMICFRS REPORT: Report on how effectively the police engage with woman and girls

Police and Crime Commissioner's comments

I welcome and take on board all comments and recommendations on the HMICFRS (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's and Fire Services) Report on how effectively the police engage with woman and girls. I have responsibility to help protect victims and Survivors of crime including Violence Against woman and Girls, therefore it is significant to us that the service and interaction they get from our force reflects the key four priorities we hold within our Police and Crime Plan.

I will work with the HMICFRS, Home Office, APCC (Association of Police & Crime Commissioners) and NPCC to support the delivery of the national recommendations. Locally as the chair of the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board and has a pivotal role in supporting local justice partners to work together, as well as introducing greater accountability. With other criminal justice leaders, the board has been developing a new strategy where police engagement has been made one of the key priorities.

My office is leading an independent review of RASSO (rape & serious sexual offences) across the Wessex area (Dorset Hampshire and Wiltshire). This work aims to identify system issues to improve outcomes for victims, including the support they receive, collaboration across the system and service improvement.

All Police officers hold a responsibility of trust and integratory therefore all victims, including woman and girls, should feel supported and listened to by the police. I look forward to working with our force to help improve the process.