

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

### **Homicide prevention:** **An inspection of the police contribution to the prevention of homicide**

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner's comments**

I welcome the latest HMICFRS inspection and whilst Wiltshire itself was not inspected it is vital lessons are learnt from homicide and serious violence incidents. It is excellent to see Wiltshire police force have a 100% further action taken record in relation to homicide. A performance framework to manage outcomes is essential in driving best practise.

I am also pleased to see the force have a Homicide prevention strategy in place and produce an annual homicide and near miss problem profile. The causes of these incidents are many and identifying the key themes enables correct resources allocation in the right places.

My office is committed to making sure programmes are in place to prevent serious violence and ensure knife crime incidents do not become a cycle of violence. I recently met with South Swindon MP Robert Buckland and several groups and charities which work in both the preventative and rehabilitative space to formulate a strategy.

This work is being furthered by our Serious Violence Duty Co-ordinator and through commissioning leads channelling funding into Domestic abuse prevention schemes, out of court resolutions, drug treatment requirements, youth justice, and many other schemes.

The force has invested in leads for every root cause of homicide and near miss, to prevent escalation and ensure successful collaborations take place with partner agencies. Review models will add to their work providing valuable case learning for policy and improvements.