

**Anti-Social Behaviour – Personal, Situational and Incidental Vulnerabilities to
ASB Harm: a follow up study**

PCC Response

This follow up study by Cardiff University builds upon the HMIC ‘Stop the Rot’ inspection into Anti-Social Behaviour carried out in 2012 and provides further clarification of the opportunities identified by HMIC for the police service to better protect repeat and vulnerable victims of ASB.

I have noted the contents of this report, and have discussed them with the Chief Constable. I am particularly pleased to see that Dorset has been identified as performing excellently in two particular areas – “trends and hotspots identified through IT systems” and “Force management of ASB problems through National Intelligence Model (NIM) processes”. However, we must never be complacent and improvements can still be made.

Reducing the number of victims of crime and anti-social behaviour is the first priority set out in my Police and Crime Plan and a number of initiatives are underway to achieve this. A key strand is the development of a Victims Bureau in Dorset to ensure that the necessary support is provided throughout the victim journey. I also want victims to have more say in deciding how offenders committing crime and ASB are dealt with, as well as raising awareness among offenders of the real impact of their offending.

Dorset Police has worked hard to implement a victim first approach to tackling ASB and much progress has been made as a result. This is a key area of work and I will continue to closely monitor the Force’s responses to ASB locally to further drive improvements and to ensure that all victims, but particularly the most vulnerable, receive the services and support that they deserve.

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