

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP
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Dear Home Secretary

CJJI Inspection: 'Witness for the prosecution: Identifying victim and witness vulnerability in criminal case files – Dorset Police'

In line with my statutory responsibilities I am writing in formal response to the CJJI 'Witness for the prosecution: Identifying victim and witness vulnerability in criminal case files – Dorset Police' report from November 2015.

The recommendations from this report have been allocated to the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Board locally for oversight and I can update as follows:

Local training arrangements

The Organisational Development Unit (ODU) within Dorset Police are reviewing and updating their training to student officers on the Initial Police Learning Development Programme (IPLDP) using the latest College of Policing learning outcomes and materials. Within IPLDP, student officers are taught how to prepare and update case files to ensure that the issues of concern are addressed.

Representatives from the CPS and Criminal Justice sector are also included in the review of file preparation training and proposed future training.

Review of templates

All Dorset Police forms, templates and processes adhere to national file standards and are not altered. The Force works to nationally agreed forms within the NICHE RMS system due to the digital case files and wider changes made through the Transforming Summary Justice (TSJ) programme.

Police training on the CJS

A review of training is underway by the Force following the TSJ review. A training need in relation to disclosure has been identified and sessions have been planned between February and June 2016 for approximately 800 staff.

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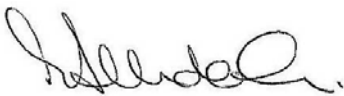
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All new supervisors receive Evidential Review Officer (ERO) training as part of the National Policing Promotion Framework (NPPF) arrangements and supervisors will be included within those attending planning training.

All training will also include guidance from the College of Policing and will adopt any updates as and when provided.

I can confirm that I have consulted with the Chief Constable in formulating this response and trust that this provides you with the necessary reassurance around action being taken locally by Dorset Police in response to the relevant HMIC report recommendations.

Yours sincerely



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