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Dear Home Secretary

Response to the HMICFRS PEEL Spotlight Report: Shining a light on betrayal: Abuse of position for a sexual purpose

In line with my statutory responsibilities as Police and Crime Commissioner and following consultation with the Chief Constable, I am pleased to provide the following response to the HMICFRS and the Secretary of State for the Home Office in respect of the above thematic: 'HMICFRS PEEL Spotlight Report: Shining a light on betrayal: Abuse of position for a sexual purpose', published on Friday 27 September 2019.

The Chief Constable and I welcome the report on how police forces tackle the issue of the abuse of position for a sexual purpose.

The issue of abuse of position for a sexual purpose is matter of concern to us all and Dorset Police will not tolerate this.

We note in particular the findings and recommendations regarding vetting, counter-corruption and the need to proactively detect misuse of ICT systems. On behalf of myself and the Chief Constable, I am pleased to confirm that Dorset Police is already taking steps to review its processes in the light of the recommendations to address those areas of concern raised in the report.

As part of this we look forward to receiving feedback from the NPCC, College of Policing and Home Office with regard to the actions that they have been asked to respond to in relation to the report.

I will continue to take a keen interest in developments in this area. This response will be published on the OPCC website.

Yours sincerely



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