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Dear Roy,

Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation in England and Wales

I am writing to you to formally respond to the report titled 'An inspection of the effectiveness of the police and law enforcement bodies' response to group-based child sexual exploitation in England and Wales', published 8th December 2023.

In its executive summary, the report highlights, amongst other things, the limited use of strategic assessments by Forces, and the criminal investigations were inconsistent, as well as the use of victim-blaming language.

In your report you set out nine recommendations, including an Area for Improvement for all Chief Constables. Derbyshire Constabulary has made significant progress with the creation of problem profiles, and the operational investment on eradicating victim-blaming language is a continued focus. Strategic and Operational Boards for Serious and Organised Crime relating to Child Exploitation brings together partners across all agencies and is chaired by the Assistant Chief Constable. I am assured that all the recommendations are on target to be met as detailed in the report, and please be assured that I will be monitoring progress towards these as part of my regular scheduled governance of the operations of the Constabulary.

I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved in this inspection and look forward to further feedback in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Angelique Foster
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