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Dear Roy,

Digital Forensics

I am writing to you to formally respond to the Digital Forensics report, published in December 2022.

In its summary, the report highlights/explores the provision of digital forensics in police forces and regional organised crime units, and considers the understanding and management of demands, and whether victims of crime are receiving a quality service.

In your report you highlight areas for improvement/set out nine recommendations. I can confirm Derbyshire Constabulary was previously regulated regionally by EMSOU and this is now in the process of being localised to fall under Derbyshire's governance structures, and within this the management of digital forensics kiosks is included.

I can also confirm that the Constabulary are active in creating a Digital Forensics Strategy for Derbyshire.

I have formally raised the report and the recommendations with the Chief Constable, and I am assured that Derbyshire Constabulary are on track to complete all recommendations specific to Derbyshire within the timescales given.

Please be assured that I will continue to monitor 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angelique Foster', with a horizontal line underneath.

Angelique Foster
Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner