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Dear Roy,

**Inspection of the effectiveness of police and law enforcement bodies'  
response to group-based child sexual exploitation**

I am writing to you to formally respond to the inspection report titled inspection of the effectiveness of police and law enforcement bodies' response to group-based child sexual exploitation, published in October 2025.

This report reviews how police and law enforcement agencies have responded to the persistent and distressing threat of group-based child sexual exploitation. It acknowledges some positive progress, including the widespread adoption of the IICSA definition and improved training and intelligence-sharing through the Hydrant Programme. However, it also highlights there is still more work to be done.

In your report you highlight six new recommendations and I am assured of the progress being made towards these following conversations with the Chief Constable.

I am pleased that Derbyshire Constabulary has adopted the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) definition of an 'organised network' as the definition for group-based child sexual exploitation and this has already been incorporated into the force's current Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) problem profile and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Work has been undertaken to ensure that this definition is reflected in all relevant documents moving forward and the force's CSE guidance page, accessible to all officers via Connect, ensures consistency across operational practice, training, and guidance.

Derbyshire Constabulary has adopted and implemented the Hydrant Programme's child sexual exploitation (CSE) problem profile template, the recommendations from which is tracked through the Victims, Crime and Vulnerability (VCV) Board

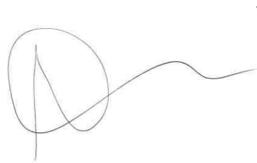


chaired by the Assistant Chief Constable (Crime). It will also be incorporated into the SOCEX framework and managed through the delivery plan.

This, along with the Hydrant Programme's guidance in relation to police record management systems, and the strategy to implement Operation Makesafe, will be monitored by the members of my office that sit on these Boards.

I would like to extend my thanks to HMICFRS for this important report. I look forward to hearing on the progress made against these recommendations in the near future.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'N' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts

Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire

