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Dear Roy,

Serious Youth Violence

I am writing to you to formally respond to the national inspection report on how well the police tackle serious youth violence, published in March 2023.

In its summary, the report explores how police services work with Violence Reduction Units (VRUs) and partner organisations to reduce serious youth violence, including taking a public health approach to do so. It also evaluates how well the power use their powers of enforcement to reduce it and whether forces understand racial disproportionality in terms of serious youth violence.

In your report you set out two recommendations relevant to policing. These require the Chief Constable to ensure that all officers in the Constabulary are trained in the use of Home Office Outcome 22 and ensure that the Constabulary, through data collection and analysis, understand the levels of racial disproportionality in serious youth violence.

I have formally raised this national inspection report and the recommendations with the Chief Constable, and I am assured that Derbyshire Constabulary are actively engaged in responding to the report.

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,

Angelique Foster

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