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Dear Home Secretary and HMICFRS

Response from David Munro, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to the National HMICFRS report "Shining a light on betrayal: Abuse of position for a sexual purpose"

Whilst this report wasn't specifically in relation to Surrey Police, I believe that all PCCs need to ensure that their police force is taking on board the recommendations made in this important report. The public and victims of crime should be able to trust police and any abuse of position is unacceptable.

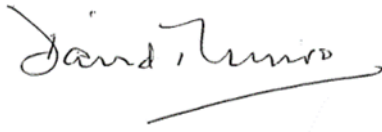
I was pleased to see in the HMICFRS PEEL report that Surrey Police was found to be Good in the area of legitimacy. The PEEL report did, however, find that not all staff fully understand regulations on abusing a position for sexual purposes but also found that the force is remedying this by giving supervisors clearer information and providing online training. I hope that by the next time the HMICFRS visit Surrey, staff will have been trained and understand the regulations.

I have asked the Chief Constable, Gavin Stephens, for his views on the report, to which he has said:

"I welcome the September 2019 HMICFRS PEEL spotlight report 'Shining a light on betrayal, abuse of position for a sexual purpose' and recognise the issues highlighted as having a significant impact upon police. Surrey Police capture a range of data sets which are used to assess abuse of position for sexual purpose, related demand, and identify opportunities for improvement. The recommendations will be recorded and monitored through the Force's governance structures and the strategic lead for this area of the business will oversee their implementation."

As with all HMICFRS national reports, progress towards the recommendations made will be monitored by a force board, at which my office is represented.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Munro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Munro
Police and Crime Commissioner