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Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys response to:

HMICFRS PEEL Spotlight Report: Policing Response to Antisocial Behaviour

I acknowledge the recommendations outlined in this report and will monitor Dyfed-Powys Police (DPP)'s progress in implementing them.

The report identified similar issues to those which the Force has already started to action via their Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Task and Finish group. I welcome the report and assurances from the Force that they will action any further recommendations via the same forum.

I have set out my thoughts and reassurances I have received from the Chief Constable in relation to the recommendations for forces within the report below.

Recommendation 1: By 31 March 2025, forces should review their processes for recording antisocial behaviour to make sure all antisocial behaviour and associated crime are recorded correctly.

I have been assured that the work the Force is already carrying out will be captured in an ASB Review document. The ASB Task and Finish group will be focusing on ensuring that the recording of ASB is correct at the point of contact and will develop a framework for how it can be recorded when it is identified at a later stage (for example, during a crime investigation). One of the Task and Finish group's actions is to change the crime investigation template so that ASB Risk Investigations (ASBRI's) can be more easily opened on NICHE whilst a crime is being investigated. I am satisfied that this meets the recommendation made in the report.

Recommendation 2: By 30 September 2025, forces should make sure personnel are appropriately trained to identify and record antisocial behaviour and associated crime when they are first reported.

I have been assured that the Force Communication Centre has provided the ASB Task and Finish group with their training package on identifying and recording ASB. This is currently being reviewed by the Force ASB



Coordinator to assess its suitability. If appropriate, revisions will be made to this document to ensure that it is as robust as possible.

Recommendation 3: By 31 March 2025, forces should:

- review their risk assessment processes for antisocial behaviour cases to make sure that risks are properly assessed from initial contact to case closure; and
- make sure completed risk assessments are retained in line with management of police information guidelines.

I have been assured that the Task and Finish group will review policy and procedures for the whole process of ASB investigation. Standards in this area are already being scrutinised in the Neighbourhood Policing Prevention Team governance meetings, but a revised policy and procedure document will improve the Force approach further.

Recommendation 4: By 31 December 2024, forces should:

- make sure all antisocial behaviour problem-solving plans fully specify the problem, contain sufficient detail, are effectively supervised; and
- evaluate all antisocial behaviour problem-solving plans for an outcome in line with National Police Chiefs' Council Neighbourhood Policing Outcome and Performance Guidelines.

I was pleased to see that DPP received positive comments in a recent HMICFRS inspection regarding the standard of problem-solving plan management. I have been assured that the Force is fully compliant with national standards for evaluation of problem-solving plans. In addition, the Force has further developed standards and their approach to problemsolving plans. Plans are reviewed monthly in governance meetings and supervision endorsements are regularly reviewed. In addition, a repository of problem-solving practice and learning is regularly updated by the Force to ensure a high standard of practice in this area.

Recommendation 8: By 30 September 2025, forces should give all neighbourhood policing teams antisocial behaviour training that



makes best use of the College of Policing's antisocial behaviour guidance and resources.

The Force has recently carried out a Neighbourhood Policing Review which set out that they will deliver 4 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sessions per year for all Neighbourhood Policing Prevention Teams. Development of these sessions will continue until the end of the 2025-2026 financial year. I have been assured that the first CPD session will take place in quarter four of this financial year. This will include specific ASB training which will be delivered by an external provider who are endorsed by the College of Policing.

I am grateful for the publication of these recommendations. My team and I will continue to work closely with DPP representatives to ensure all relevant learning from insights generated through HMICFRS activity is acted upon to improve the policing service for the residents of the Dyfed-Powys Police area.