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Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Response to HMICFRS Report: The policing response to online child sexual abuse (OCSAE) and the management of registered sex offenders (MOSOVO)

[The policing response to the investigation of online child sexual abuse and the management of registered sex offenders - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services](#)

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Introduction

HMICFRS's PEEL Spotlight Report is a national inspection examining the policing response to online child sexual abuse and the management of registered sex offenders across England and Wales. These complex and high-risk areas require sustained focus, robust safeguarding, and effective partnership working.

This document sets out the Thames Valley response to that national report, providing the Police and Crime Commissioner's assessment of Thames Valley Police's position against its recommendations.

PCC Response

Thames Valley Police demonstrates effective governance and a strong approach to both the investigation of online child sexual abuse and the management of registered sex offenders.

There are no recommendations assessed as Red, with the majority assessed as met and the remainder in progress. This reflects a position of good overall compliance, with no critical areas of concern identified.

I welcome the force's safeguarding focus, effective use of risk assessment tools, and clear oversight arrangements supporting this work. I am reassured that risks are well understood and are being actively managed.

Continued focus is required in a number of areas, including managing increasing demand, strengthening partnership arrangements with Probation, and ensuring consistency in offender management and data processes.

I will continue to hold the force to account through established governance arrangements to ensure that these areas are progressed and that the public remains effectively protected.

Force Position and Commentary



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Thames Valley Police has well-established governance arrangements, with oversight provided through the Child Protection and Offender Management (CP&OM) Board, supported by escalation through the Vulnerability Strategic Group.

These structures provide a clear framework for monitoring performance, managing risk, and driving improvement.

Areas of Positive Practice

I welcome a number of areas where strong practice is evident:

- **Risk assessment and prioritisation** are well embedded, including the use of the Kent Internet Risk Assessment Tool (KIRAT), with risk consistently assessed and reviewed throughout investigations.
- **Governance and oversight arrangements** are clear and effective, supported by structured performance frameworks and regular monitoring.
- **Safeguarding and offender management processes** are robust, including the management of arrest and bail decisions and alignment with national standards.
- **Support for families and workforce wellbeing** is in place through commissioned services and structured wellbeing provision for staff.

These arrangements demonstrate a consistent focus on safeguarding and risk management.

Areas for Further Development

While the overall position is positive, I recognise that some areas require continued focus:

- **Demand and capacity pressures**, particularly in relation to Digital Forensic Unit capacity and future offender management resourcing.
- **Consistency in MOSOVO practice and data alignment**, including ensuring full alignment with national expectations and addressing variation in probation-led cases.
- **Partnership working with Probation**, where further strengthening is needed, including the development of a formal service level agreement.
- **Compliance monitoring**, including continued improvements in ARMS and Risk Management Plan oversight.

I expect these areas to continue to be progressed through existing governance arrangements.



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Ongoing Oversight

As Commissioner I will continue to hold the force to account for delivery against these recommendations. I will seek assurance through regular reporting that:

- Demand and capacity are being effectively managed
- Workforce planning is aligned to future need
- Partnership arrangements are strengthened
- Offender management practice is consistent and compliant

Conclusion

Thames Valley Police has a well-established approach to both the investigation of online child sexual abuse and the management of registered sex offenders. The majority of recommendations have been met, with the remainder progressing appropriately.

I am reassured that no areas of critical concern have been identified. I will continue to monitor progress closely to ensure that the remaining areas for development are addressed and that the public remains effectively protected.

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