



Nottinghamshire

**POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER**

## **The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's response to the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMICFRS) - The police response to domestic abuse - an update report (Feb 2019).**

[The report can be found here](#)

On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, HMICFRS published a national update report in relation to the police response to domestic abuse. This report is the fourth in a series of thematic reports which consider the response the police service provides to victims of domestic abuse. In March 2014, HMICFRS published its first report in this series (Everyone's Business: Improving the Police Response to Domestic Abuse).

I am pleased to learn from HMICFRS that since that time, the service the police give to victims of domestic abuse has improved markedly i.e. victims are now better supported and better protected despite the fact that there has been an 88% increase in recorded levels of domestic abuse since the first report.

The footnotes for Figures 4 and 5 of the report state that Nottinghamshire Police couldn't provide domestic abuse outcomes data. However, I understand that the Force did in fact provide the data and this is an oversight.

I am pleased to hear that HMICFRS cited Nottinghamshire Police as best practice in relation to Police training i.e. by providing vulnerability training to officers covering coercion and control, and effective DASH risk-assessment training to all frontline staff. The Force also sends a series of bite-size revision videos to every employee within the organisation.

I was concerned that Figure 6 of the report showed Nottinghamshire to be lower than most other forces in its use of domestic violence protection notices (DVPNs). However, since this report, the subsequent PEEL inspection by HMICFRS reveals that Nottinghamshire Police now makes good use of available protective powers and measures to safeguard vulnerable victims.

The number of domestic violence protection orders (DVPOs) granted has increased from 41 in 12 months to end of June 2017 to 90 in the 12 months to end of June 2018. HMICFRS now report that officers and staff have a well-developed and growing understanding of the



value the orders provide in protecting victims. The Force deals with breaches of DVPOs promptly, to give victims this protection.

This national report makes no recommendations but nevertheless I always hold the Chief Constable to account on matters I consider to be of concern to the public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paddy Tipping".

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