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Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys response to

Police perpetrated domestic abuse: Report on the Centre for Women's Justice super - complaint

I welcome the report which rightly shines a light on police perpetrated domestic abuse.

It is encouraging that criminal investigations into these cases is typically of a comparable quality to other domestic abuse investigations and that the initial handling and response to 999 calls was generally good. However, it is concerning that the overall conclusion of the super complaint review was that forces are not fully recognising and responding to the risks and responsibilities associated with cases involving police personnel.

I therefore accept the recommendation as outlined in the report:

Recommendation 3:

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs), Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and Chief Constables should make sure their provision of domestic abuse support services and guidance is capable of meeting the specific needs of all non-police and police victims of Police Perpetrated Domestic Abuse (PPDA). For PCCs, this should include the following:

a. PCCs considering whether local services are capable of dealing with the specific risks and vulnerabilities of PPDA victims and supporting them when engaging with the police complaints and disciplinary system.

As a commissioning body my office has already completed some work with our providers to ensure they have direct access to Dyfed-Powys Police's 'Bad Apple' and similar confidential reporting mechanisms through the Force Professional Standards Department (PSD). We have shared guidance with providers regarding abuse of police power and trust, encouraging them to report anything of concern.

All of my commissioned services are delivered and contract managed in line with MoJ terms and conditions, which state that support must be free and confidential, available whether or not a victim chooses to report the crime, and must identify and provide an enhanced service to vulnerable victims.

My office will be undertaking further discussions with service providers where appropriate to specifically address the needs of PPDA victims.

I am pleased to report that having raised the observations in the report with Dyfed-Powys Police, I am assured that they have accepted all the



recommendations in the report and will now look to evidence how they will address each one.

The Professional Standards Department and the Protecting Vulnerable People business area have identified the actions required, such as enhancing support for victims who work within Dyfed-Powys Police, refreshing the Force policy and guidance and also engaging with third sector organisations.

I will continue to scrutinise the progress against the recommendations through the appropriate forums.

My team and I continue to work closely with Dyfed-Powys Police representatives to ensure all relevant learning from insights generated through HMICFRS' activity is acted upon in order to improve the policing service for the residents of Dyfed and Powys.