

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys response to:  
Pembrokeshire Report: Joint Inspection of Child Protection  
Arrangements (JICPA)**

I welcome and acknowledge the findings of the Pembrokeshire JICPA Report, where inspectors concluded *“overall, children in Pembrokeshire are protected and safeguarded from abuse, neglect, and other types of harm through an adequate multi-agency response.”*

I was also reassured to read the recognition of improvements made by Dyfed-Powys Police (DPP) since previous inspections within the report.

DPP’s response to the Report was presented at my Policing Board meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2025, at which I hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of policing services. The Chief Constable reported on plans the Force and partners have in place, and the steps they have already taken towards improvement, linked to the key themes arising from the report.

It was reassuring to be informed at my recent Policing Board that both the Head of Protecting Vulnerable People for Dyfed-Powys Police and child protection portfolio lead have continued in their communication with respective safeguarding leads from all agencies that were involved in the Joint Inspection.

I have been reassured by the Chief Constable that DPP continues to ensure multi-agency shared processes and integration remain fundamental to their approach, with the introduction of a multi-agency panel. The panel will enable shared oversight for maintaining progression within respective organisations against the outlined requirements for improvement elements within the report.

The Force understands that ensuring consideration for the voice of the child at each key stage of an investigation is vital to ensuring a child-centred approach. I have been reassured by the Chief Constable that internal performance measures will be regularly reviewed to ensure the voice of the child is captured.

During previous responses I have made to JICPA reports which consider the Dyfed-Powys Police force area, I shared information relating to work undertaken by members of my Assurance team, alongside Dyfed-Powys Police, to develop a scrutiny process which assess the voice of the child in criminal investigations. My Quality Assurance Panel will continue to independently review recorded crimes, assessing, amongst other things, whether the voice of the child has been considered during the police

response, and if there is a record of the child's wishes within the police records. Further details on the work of my Quality Assurance Panel can be found on my website.

I am encouraged that several strengths were highlighted within the report, with Dyfed-Powys Police being recognised for internal and multi-agency governance and collaboration when safeguarding children. It is reassuring that work is underway to continuously improve child protection arrangements across the Force area. I will continue to monitor DPP's progress against the recommendations within this report.