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HMI Zoe Billingham
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Dear Zoe,

Subject: Counter-terrorism policing – an inspection of the police’s contribution to the government’s Prevent programme (Published 9th March 2020)

I present my comments in response to the above report with the meaning of S55 (5) of the Police Act 1996. This letter will be copied to the Home Secretary and published on my website.

I welcome the findings of the thematic inspection into the police’s contribution to the government’s Prevent programme. It is encouraging to hear that Forces are meeting their Prevent duties by following the established policies and processes whilst working effectively with other organisations.

The report makes one direct recommendation for police forces to review the attendance of Force representatives at Channel panels. I can confirm that this recommendation has been added to our bespoke HMICFRS ‘tracker’ document which records Force progress against all ‘Areas for Improvement’, ‘Recommendations’ and ‘Areas of Concern’ made within relevant HMICFRS reports. A copy of this tracker document is also provided to the Joint Independent Audit Committee on a quarterly basis to help provide assurance on current force remedial activity. I will continue to monitor the Force’s progress towards completion of these recommendations.

In response to this specific recommendation, I can confirm that the force has arranged that a Counter Terrorism Case Officer is present at each Channel meeting so that they are in a position to manage any risk first-hand.

To conclude, I will continue to monitor this recommendation made by the HMICFRS in this report to cultivate positive change in this area of policing. I remain committed to working with the chief constable and holding him to account for delivering improvements to policing.



Marc Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire