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## **POSITION STATEMENT BY THE PCC ON THE 'SAFE TO SHARE' SUPER COMPLAINT REPORT**

A response was published in December 2020 to a super complaint raised by Liberty and Southall Black Sisters about the treatment of victims and witnesses of crime with insecure immigration status. The complaint was investigated and the findings have been published jointly by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), the Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC) and the College of Policing and can be found on my website.

The complaint focuses on two key areas i) the police passing victim and witness data to the Home Office for immigration enforcement purposes, and ii) the operation of and / or perception of a culture of police prioritising immigration enforcement over the investigation of crime and safeguarding.

The report makes a number of recommendations – some of which rely on action by national bodies but which also include recommendations for Chief Constables; a joint recommendation for Chief Constables and PCCs; and one for PCCs.

A response to the recommendations has been provided by Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies Joint Justice Command. The recommendations for the Constabularies will be addressed through the Supporting Victims Group currently chaired by the T/ACC Joint Justice Services as strategic lead for Victims and the Victims Code of Practice.

My office will work with the Constabularies' Supporting Victims Group to understand the progress being made, and collaborate on activity with regard the joint recommendation for PCCs and Chief Constables. The joint recommendation is to take steps to promote migrant victims' and witnesses' confidence in reporting crimes to the police.

My office will work with the organisations we commission to support victims, to progress the recommendation to assess the local access to services for victims, we will report on our findings in due course.