

The Rt Hon Priti Patel MP  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
2 Marsham Street  
London

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Dear Home Secretary

**RE: HMICFRS report: The Hidden Victims – Hestia’s super-complaint on the police response to modern slavery. (*published May 2021*).**

Thank you for the report on the investigation of the super complaint, which includes recommendations to be addressed by Chief Constables. Suffolk Constabulary has provided a comprehensive response to these recommendations, which is attached.

There is a recommendation which I, as PCC, share with the Chief, regarding ensuring there are appropriate pathways into local services and victim support (including where national referral arrangements are declined). The Constabulary has reassured in its response that local arrangements are working well. However, I will keep this area under review with force colleagues to understand any gaps in relation to victims’ needs being met, and any considerations for my commissioning role.

Recent precept investments have included resourcing for Modern Slavery Co-ordinators within Suffolk Constabulary to better engage with the victims, the public and partners. I am committed to improving knowledge and provision in Suffolk, and I have been instrumental in bidding for resources for multi-agency work to support training and prevention with front-line practitioners.

I continue to work with public sector partners in Suffolk to consider traceability in the supply chain for procurement of goods and services, not just in policing. Preventing modern slavery is also a consideration within the 7F procurement framework and the Blue Light Commercial system.

Yours sincerely



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Police and Crime Commissioner