

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP
Home Secretary
Home Office
2 Marsham Street
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Dear Home Secretary

RE: HMICFRS – An inspection of how well the police tackle serious youth violence.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this inspection. Suffolk Constabulary has provided an update on the two recommendations for Chief Constables, which is attached and will be published on my website.

I welcome the report acknowledging that due to Violence Reduction Unit funding being distributed to some forces, there is some difference in levels of resourcing across the country in respect of dealing with this issue. Suffolk has not received any VRU funding. Despite that, I am proud that partners in Suffolk (including Suffolk Constabulary) continue to work together with cross system commitment to violence against women and girls and tackling child and criminal exploitation.

The Constabulary's response to tackling serious violence is routinely monitored through my Police and Crime Plan Performance Framework of reports to my Accountability and Performance Panel. These reports also pick up on the Constabulary's role as a duty holder in relation to the Serious Violence Duty. The new duty, and linked funding streams, should begin to support the Suffolk system and the policing approach to preventing and tackling violence.

Yours sincerely



Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk