

The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
2 Marsham Street  
London

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Dear Home Secretary

**RE: The HMICFRS National Inspection: Vetting and anti-corruption part 2: How effective is the National Crime Agency at dealing with corruption?**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this inspection into the National Crime Agency.

There was one recommendation which impacted Chief Constables. The recommendation was for chief constables to ensure they tell the National Crime Agency the outcome of investigation into suspicious activity reports relating to their force's personnel.

Suffolk Constabulary has outlined the procedure it goes through to ensure outcomes are shared. I am reassured that Suffolk Constabulary is complying with this recommendation and have published the force response on my website.

Yours sincerely



Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk



**Response to [Vetting and anti-corruption part 2: How effective is the National Crime Agency at dealing with corruption?](#), 30 April 2024**

**Recommendation 4**

By 30 June 2024, chief constables should make sure they tell the National Crime Agency the outcome of investigations into suspicious activity reports relating to their force's personnel. The National Crime Agency should include a summary of this information in its annual national strategic threat assessment, 'The Threat to UK Law Enforcement from Corruption'.

*The Constabulary accepts this recommendation, and we are satisfied that we already comply with this requirement.*

*The NCA sends all Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) which relate to a Suffolk Constabulary employee to a Single Point of Contact within our Professional Standards Department (the Detective Chief Inspector with responsibility for Anti-Corruption). These reports are then researched and developed within the Anti-Corruption Unit and are then shared with a Financial Investigator within our Regional Anti-Corruption Unit (RACU), which is part of the Eastern Regional Special Operations Unit (ERSOU). A joint investigation is then completed between the two units. Once the enquiries have been finalised the Regional Anti-Corruption Unit Financial Investigator will then inform the NCA's UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU) about the outcome of the joint investigation on Suffolk Constabulary's behalf. These updates have to be provided by qualified Financial Investigators, who – for Suffolk Constabulary – are located in the RACU. All feedback is agreed by the Joint Norfolk and Suffolk Anti-Corruption Unit before being shared with the NCA.*

*It is of note that very few SARs relating to employees of Suffolk Constabulary are received from the NCA.*