



10 September 2021

Dear HMICFRS

I acknowledge that the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) team published on the 11 March 2021 – Getting the balance right? An inspection of how effectively the police deal with protests.

Bedfordshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner notes that HMICFRS have made recommendations and learning points, to the police and other bodies, which are intended to help forces in their continuing response.

You have made the following recommendations specific for Forces:

Recommendations

- By 31 December 2021, chief constables should make sure that their legal services teams subscribe to the College of Policing Knowledge Hub's Association of Police Lawyers group.
- By 31 December 2021, chief constables should ensure that their forces have sufficiently robust governance arrangements in place to secure consistent, effective debrief processes for protest policing. Such arrangements should ensure that:
 - forces give adequate consideration to debriefing all protest-related policing operations;
 - the extent of any debrief is proportionate to the scale of the operation;
 - a national post-event learning review form is prepared after every debrief; and
 - the form is signed off by a gold commander prior to submission to the National Police Coordination Centre.

These recommendations are being monitored and managed by ACC Sebire, Joint Protective Services Team.

Yours Sincerely

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