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Dear HMICFRS

I acknowledge that the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) team published on the 16th July 2020 - Roads Policing: Not optional. An Inspection of roads policing in England and Wales

Bedfordshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner notes that HMICFRS have made 13 recommendations, to the police and other bodies, which are intended to:

- give clarity and guidance to the police and other bodies about their collective responsibilities;
- improve forces' understanding of the risks faced by road users in their areas;
- make sure forces and road safety partners work together effectively;
- bring about compliance with national guidance on the use of speed and red-light cameras; and
- provide greater support and training to officers who investigate road deaths.

Recommendation 1

By 1 August 2021, the Department for Transport and the Home Office should develop and publish a national road safety strategy that provides clear guidance to the police, local authorities, highways agencies and other strategic partners. The strategy should include an explanation of the roles and responsibilities of each agency and the expectations of central government.

Recommendation 2

By 1 August 2021, the Home Office should revise the Strategic Policing Requirement to include an explicit reference to roads policing. Any revision should also include guidance on which bodies the requirement to collaborate with extends to.

Recommendation 3

By 1 April 2021, the Home Office should use the statutory power under section 7(4) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to issue guidance on what should be included within future police and crime plans. The guidance should require reference to roads policing in all police and crime plans.

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Recommendation 4

With immediate effect, chief constables should make sure that roads policing is included in their force's strategic threat and risk assessments, which should identify the areas of highest harm and risk and the appropriate responses.

Recommendation 5

By 1 April 2021, the National Police Chiefs' Council should review the role and structure of national roads policing operations and intelligence.

Recommendation 6

With immediate effect, chief constables should make sure:

- their force has enough analytical capability (including that provided by road safety partnerships) to identify risks and threats on the road network within their force area;
- that information shared by partners relating to road safety is used effectively to reduce those risks and threats; and
- there is evaluation of road safety initiatives to establish their effectiveness.

Recommendation 7

By 1 August 2021, the Department for Transport, in consultation with the Home Office and the Welsh government should review and refresh Department for Transport Circular 1/2007. The Circular should include a requirement that forces, or local road safety partnerships should publish the annual revenue received as a result of the provision of driver offending-related training and how that revenue has been spent.

Recommendation 8

With immediate effect, chief constables should make sure that their force (or where applicable road safety partnerships of which their force is a member), comply with (the current version of) Department for Transport Circular 1/2007 in relation to the use of speed and red-light cameras.

Recommendation 9

With immediate effect, in forces where Operation Snap (the provision of digital video footage by the public) has been adopted, chief constables should make sure that it has enough resources and process to support its efficient and effective use.

Recommendation 10

With immediate effect, chief constables should satisfy themselves that the resources allocated to policing the strategic road network within their force areas are sufficient. As part of that process they should make sure that their force has effective

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partnership arrangements including appropriate intelligence sharing agreements with relevant highways agencies.

Recommendation 11

By 1 August 2021, the College of Policing should include a serious collision investigation module for completion along with the Professionalising Investigation Programme. This should include:

- minimum national training standards; and
- certification for all serious collision investigators.

Chief constables should make sure that all serious collision investigators in their force are then trained to those standards.

Recommendation 12

With immediate effect, chief constables should make sure that appropriate welfare support is provided to specialist investigators and family liaison officers involved in the investigation of fatal road traffic collisions.

Recommendation 13

By 1 April 2021, the College of Policing and the National Police Chiefs' Council should establish role profiles for defined functions within roads policing and identify the required skills and capabilities.

Bedfordshire Police has a collaboration agreement in place with Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire (BCH) for our roads policing arrangements.

Bedfordshire OPCC will be working with Bedfordshire Police and the Collaborated Tri-Force Function (Bedfordshire/Cambridgeshire/Hertfordshire - BCH) in the delivery of all 13 Recommendations which will be monitored through three levels of board meetings.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Holloway".

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