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Dear HMICFRS

I acknowledge that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) team released the report on:

'Super complaint' A duty to protect Police use of protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls on the 24th August 2021.

I would offer you the following detail on how we will ensure we adopt the recommendations of the findings.

The actions have been added to a VAWG specific delivery plan which has been drafted by the Head of Crime, Detective Chief Superintendent Perkins. The delivery plan incorporates all recommendations made by HMICFRS specific to VAWG, which will be presented, discussed and updated within the newly formed Violence Against Women and Girls Board meeting. The first meeting took place on the 26th November 2021.

The plan and the setting up of this board shows that Bedfordshire Police are ensuring the appropriate governance and oversight of the recommendations and actions is present and that it can be closely monitored.

Yours Sincerely

Festus Akinbusoye – Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire.