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Dear Edward

I refer to the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Panel's (the "Panel") report dated 2nd December 2020 entitled "Police and Crime Panel – Actions – 2nd December". This letter acts as my formal response to the Panel's recommendations and actions.

1. Recommendation regarding the Chief Constable's neighbourhood policing proposals

I can confirm that I wrote to all Community Safety Partnerships on 4th December 2020 asking if they had any further questions they wished to put to the Chief Constable at the Extra-Ordinary Business Co-ordination Board (the "Board") meeting on the 8th December 2020.

I decided to publish the agenda for the 8th January Board meeting on the day of the meeting.

2. Early Intervention Youth Fund – Outcome Monitoring

The Panel requested a written response to the following questions relating to the above report. Information in response to these questions has been provided by the Safe Team which is hosted and run by the county's Youth Offending Service who act as project lead for this work.

Question: *What was the reason for those being rejected?*

Response: The 39 young people were not accepted onto the cohort for a variety of reasons. These include the young person declining the intervention; there already being services (including a trusted professional) in place and therefore no added value to be gained through Safe involvement; primary presenting factor being Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) not Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE); lack of evidence of CCE and not meeting the threshold of assessed risk.

Question: *Why split was 90% and 10% female?*

Response: The gender split is also for a variety of reasons. Males are more likely to be targeted and groomed for CCE than females. Also, when it comes to grooming for exploitation, evidence suggests that males are more likely to be groomed for CCE whilst females are more likely to be groomed for CSE. This is not to say that females are not under-represented in terms of recognition of CCE risk and referral and so this is always an area that the Safe Team are learning about, considering and keeping under scrutiny to ensure that girls being criminally exploited are not missed by them.

Question: *How accurate is the feedback?*

Response: The Safe Team are currently putting in place an audit of cases that were not accepted, and those that have successfully completed to be able to report more robustly on this in their January quarterly report.

Question: *How can this work be expanded?*

Response: Consideration is currently being given by the Acting Commissioner to giving additional non-re-current funding for the 'Safe Project', with a decision likely by end of January 2021.

The other action in the Panel's recommendation report regarding a report on Roads Policing to be brought to a future meeting, and I await the scope for this report from the Panel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Bruley'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a horizontal line underneath.

Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough