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Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire Constabulary response to A shared confidence: A summary of how law enforcement agencies use sensitive intelligence.

This report provides recommendations for the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) and the National Crime Agency (NCA). I have however sought assurance from the Chief Constable where there has been reference made to Constabularies in the recommendations.

Recommendation 8

By 31 December 2021, the National Police Chiefs' Council lead for the Police National Database should give guidance on access permissions in relation to sensitive intelligence. Chief constables should comply with that guidance

Once specific NPCC guidance is provided in relation to this recommendation, I am assured that the Constabulary will ensure that access permissions in relation to sensitive intelligence on the Police National Database (PND) will be incorporated into the force. The Force Intelligence Bureau is aware of the recommendation and will deliver the appropriate action in response to the guidance from the NPCC as soon as it is available.

Recommendation 9

By 1 July 2022, the National Police Chiefs' Council lead for serious and organised crime should set standards to make sure that each regional sensitive intelligence unit has full and ready access to all intelligence systems of each force in their region. Chief constables should comply with those standards.

The North West Region has appointed a dedicated Assistant Chief Constable to lead the regional organised crime unit. The ROCU Management Board oversees compliance and will ensure that forces meet the required standards as soon as they become available and that good practice will be shared between forces.

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