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An inspection of the police response to the public disorder in July and August 2024: Tranche 1

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Inspection types:	Thematic/National	
	Cheshire Specific	No
	Cheshire Quotes	No
	Recommendations	Yes – none for police

Report Summary

On 6 September 2024, the Home Secretary commissioned HMICFRS to carry out a rapid review into the policing response to the disorder. This was to identify lessons for the future, further to the disorder that followed the tragic deaths of three young girls who were killed in a knife attack in Southport.

The review highlights that the police service hasn't learned all the lessons from previous notable incidents of violent disorder and forces need to make, sustain and build on improvements.

Recommendations

HMICFRS has made three recommendations for chief constables, police forces and others to take forward, focused on enhancing force, regional and national plans. These include creating and beginning work on plans to improve:

- the police service's capacity and capability to respond to widespread violent disorder
- how the police service mobilises POPS resources
- the well-being support the police service gives to its officers and staff

Constabulary Response

Whilst there are no recommendations requiring a direct response from the constabulary, we will be working with the NPCC, the College of Policing and the Home Office in support of the national work required to improve the police service's capacity and capability to respond to widespread violent disorder.

The wellbeing of our officers and staff remains a key priority for the constabulary and we will continue to support those who have been involved in the policing of violent disorder, and those who will be involved in the future, to ensure that they receive the support that they need.

PCC Response

Many brave officers and staff worked tirelessly during the period of public disorder, supporting neighbouring forces in tackling appalling scenes of violence and hatred. It is right that there have been mechanisms in place to support those who have faced these operational challenges, and a key priority of mine is ensuring a healthy workplace culture.

Whilst Cheshire did not experience the disorder that was seen in other areas of the country, there were communities that were fearful, and hate crime was more prevalent during this period. There is no place for division, hatred, or intolerance in our region and such behaviour will not be accepted. To support this ambition, I am exploring innovative ways community cohesion can be achieved.

I am grateful to HMICFRS for the detailed report, and eagerly await the collective output emerge from the recommendations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Price', written in a cursive style.

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