

EVIDENCE LED DOMESTIC ABUSE PROSECUTIONS – JANUARY 2020 RESPONSE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DEVON, CORNWALL AND THE ISLES OF SCILLY

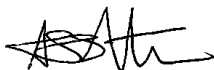
I welcome the Criminal Justice Joint Inspection on Evidence Led Domestic Abuse Prosecutions which was published in January 2020.

Whilst this is a national report which does not focus on Devon and Cornwall Police specifically, I have consulted with the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police about this inspection and we accept the report's recommendations.

I will be working with the Chief Constable to understand how the recommendations within the report, which are relevant to all police forces, are implemented locally and as a governance organisation my office will maintain oversight of that activity.

I will also be using my position as Chair of the Local Criminal Justice Board to explore the report's recommendations further with all of our partners in the criminal justice system, and in particular with the Crown Prosecution Service.

I recognise that domestic abuse is an incredibly complex and insidious crime, and the consequences of it can be devastating for victims, families and for whole generations. Supporting victims is a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan which is why I commission over £5.4 million of valuable support services every year for victims.



Alison Hernandez
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