



**POLICE & CRIME
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Leicestershire & Rutland

Your Communities - Your Commissioner

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His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary
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Dear Mr Wilsher,

I write to you in response to your report "Homicide prevention: An inspection of the police contribution to the prevention of homicide" published on the 11th August 2023.

It was very interesting to read some of the successes nationally regarding homicide prevention, such as police forces being successful in identifying patterns and causes of homicide and allocating resources effectively. This is certainly something which I believe to be the case in Leicestershire, particularly with the work of the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU) who take a multiagency approach to tackle serious and organised crime and for which Leicestershire received a grade of outstanding for their 'integrated approach' and 'effective managing of serious and organised crime'. The Violence Reduction Network also work with Leicestershire Police to provide data and analytical insight to support the delivery of the serious harm strategy within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Using the recently published Digital Crime Performance Pack, the public can see that Leicestershire are fairly stable in their homicide rates. There has been fluctuation since December 2020, with a sharp decline to 0 offences in June 2022, followed by a steady (but overall low figure) increase to 4 offences for the following quarter. In the year ending December 2022, Leicestershire recorded 9 homicides overall, which is the 3rd highest figure out of the 5 regional forces (11 offences recorded in Nottinghamshire and 10 in Northamptonshire). While a single recording of a homicide is too many, Leicestershire is currently not statistically significant when looking at this time period, reflecting the positive findings of HMICFRS and Leicestershire's use of EMSOU and the dedication of our officers and detectives. I will ensure however, to monitor these performance packs as and when they are refreshed and raise any statistically significant findings with the Chief Constable.

Also, within Leicestershire, The DART Threat Assessment Unit has been set up to look at relationships where a high threat of homicide is present. The team has accredited DASH training and makes use of data from previous Domestic Homicide Reviews, Academia and Home Office Studies to highlight clusters of risk present in existing relationships. When a high threat relationship is identified, the DART will begin to put a number of measures in place such as PMPs (problem management plans), Storm History, Niche Flags and MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment for domestic violence), referrals with an aim to manage and where possible, lower the risk. DART has taken a force wide approach to managing high threat Domestic Abuse and as such the PMPs may see actions completed by Contact Management Department,



Firearms Licencing, PAVE (proactive vulnerability engagement), DAIU (Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit) through to Neighbourhood Policing Officers.

I, with the Police and Crime Commissioner, will ensure to continue to effectively hold the Chief Constable to account on the recommendations outlined within our corporate governance framework.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rani Mahal'.

Rani Mahal
Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland