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Dear Colleague,

Given the ongoing threat of COVID 19 and related restrictions placed on individual movements, I am conscious of the potential impact(s) this may have on the threat, harm and risk (THR) picture regarding the vulnerable communities we serve. This in turn could lead to reductions and/ or increases in overt policing demand which may evolve should current restrictions continue in the future.

In response, I wrote to chief constables nationally to raise the potential for increased abuse and exploitation of the vulnerable and requested their continuing vigilance and investment in responding to these threats (see attached). I and DCC Jo Shiner (NPCC lead for Children and Young People) are also attending a weekly COVID 19 meeting with Senior officials across the Home Office and the Department for Education (DfE). The aim of which is to discuss emerging intelligence and help coordinate responses and this includes the Director General of the DfE who has recently been given the SRO cross govt role for vulnerable children

To support national efforts in this area, I have tasked the Vulnerability Knowledge Practice Programme (VKPP) to gather available data regarding demand and local/ national intelligence regarding changes to the THR picture. This work has been initially targeted at the following vulnerability thematic areas: Child Abuse (including CSAE online and in the home environment), Domestic Abuse, Missing, County Lines and Mental Health. Focus is on coordinating asks with other key stakeholders including Op Talla and individual national policing leads to prevent duplication and minimise the subsequent risk on local forces. To this end they have undertaken the following activities:

- Coordinated with Op Talla to include weekly data captures to cover CSAE, missing and use of section 136 as well as sharing existing data captures re DA and wider demand.
- Brokering access to daily intelligence feeds provided to Op Talla and draw out specific insight regarding vulnerabilities.
- Established a weekly dial in with the staff officers covering the six priority areas, College of Policing, NCA and Home Office.
- Reaching out to third sector agencies to collect data and insight and establish a bi-weekly meeting,

To draw this work together, Operation Hydrant is providing analytical capability to support the production of weekly briefings which complement wider assessments produced by NCA / Home Office and enable joined up policy making to take place across Government.

I am conscious that the impact of COVID 19 restrictions will extend beyond the initial priority areas set and that your areas may also be experiencing changes in overt demand and wider THR. To this end, please can I ask for your support with **sharing any existing data or intelligence held by your working group where changes in THR and overt demand are being seen and responses adapted**. Please note, I am not seeking at this time any additional data or intelligence captures to be made in addition to that already in place. Any existing insight shared will be used to contribute towards the assessments being produced by Op Hydrant. Submissions are welcomed at any time / interval but Hydrant will apply a weekly Thursday cut off for inclusion in the following weeks briefing. Please send any relevant data or intelligence through to the following mail box for consideration: **Irrelevant & Sensitive**

In addition, the VKPP will organise a bespoke VPP staff officers meeting to discuss the changing threat picture regarding COVID if this is something which you would find beneficial. Please let Tracey Fox know if interested (Tracey.Fox@norfolk.pnn.police.uk). As part of the VKPP's engagement work with the third sector, could you please also notify them of any activity you are undertaking in this space. Please contact Rhiannon.Sawyer@norfolk.pnn.police.uk who is leading this work on my behalf.

The College of Policing are also seeking to support national policing leads and forces develop effective responses during this time. They have setup a dedicated COVID 19 webpage to share innovative practice identified and open to requests for specific support via David Tucker. This includes brokering external research support following receipt of numerous offers to provide pro bono support in this area.

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