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Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys response to:

An inspection of the police's role in safety advisory groups: planning for major public events

I welcome the report into the contributions police forces in England and Wales make to Safety Advisory Groups (SAGs) and am in support of the 11 recommendations for Chief Constables and police forces.

I recognise that Dyfed-Powys Police was not one of the police force areas inspected but did respond to the survey as part of the inspection. I have sought from Dyfed-Powys Police information and reassurance as to their current position with, and plans for, each of the relevant recommendations.

Recommendation 8: By 31 August 2027, all chief constables should provide specific safety advisory group training for police safety advisory group attendees who aren't public order public safety trained.

I have been advised that Dyfed-Powys Police holds continuing professional development events for officers of Inspector rank and above who are not public order public safety (POPS) trained.

Recommendation 9: With immediate effect, all chief constables should satisfy themselves that their officers always use the crowd and event safety template when they engage with event organisers.

Dyfed-Powys Police has liaised with the College of Policing to request a copy of the crowd and event safety template. Protest and Event matrices are already in place, promoted internally and utilised well by staff. Dyfed-Powys Police's current process is that when notified of an event by an event organiser, Neighbourhood Policing and Prevention Teams complete the matrices and refer to Specialist Operations. they review and advise the organisers to go through the respective local authority who can then co-ordinate the SAG. The police and local authorities have daily meetings where any such notifications are discussed.

Recommendation 12: By 31 March 2027, all chief constables should satisfy themselves that the demands on gold commanders are manageable and support public safety, especially where public safety events and other responsibilities happen concurrently.

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Dyfed-Powys Police has reported that the Operational Planning Team, who are responsible for local POPS events, already has the relevant processes in place. The Team monitors the number of incidents managed through the year by the Gold commander cohort. Records are maintained and reported into the Strategic Policing Requirement Board under the 'Public order and civil contingencies' agenda item. A member of my team attends this Board for oversight. Horizon scanning identifies potential events which may require a dedicated gold commander in addition to the on-call commander.

Recommendation 14: By 31 August 2027, all forces should have a documented handover protocol between the police and event organisers for command responsibility for all public events. This should state that forces may need to take command, to meet the core responsibilities of the police under common law (long-standing custom, based on previous legal cases).

Dyfed-Powys Police has advised that a handover protocol is already in place. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been designed for major events which can also be utilised for further public events, such as POPS.

Recommendation 19: By 31 August 2027, all chief constables should take steps to make all intelligence products and risk assessments for public events, including football fixtures, comply with the refreshed College of Policing guidance for intelligence management. They should have robust quality assurance checks for processes using artificial intelligence technology.

Recommendation 20: By 31 March 2027, all chief constables should make sure a force intelligence representative attends safety advisory groups for those public events where a formal intelligence command structure is in place and shares any risk assessment in line with information sharing protocols.

Recommendation 31: By 31 August 2027, all chief constables should have the events portal available on their force website. They should submit relevant information and intelligence, collected via the portal, to the National Police Coordination Centre strategic intelligence and briefing team.

These three recommendations will be progressed by Dyfed-Powys Police's Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB) in due course.

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Recommendation 22: By 31 August 2027, all chief constables should make sure their forces complete community impact assessments, business impact assessments and people impact assessments for events on a proportionate basis, in line with College of Policing guidance.

Recommendation 33: By 31 March 2027, all chief constables should make sure their force uses the new National Police Coordination Centre events risk matrix in operational planning for all public events.

I have been assured that proportionate impact assessments are undertaken where necessary, however these recommendations will be progressed by Dyfed-Powys Police's Operational Planning Team in due course.

Recommendation 24: By 31 March 2027, all chief constables should make sure the silver public order public safety commander (or their nominated deputy) attends all safety advisory groups that consider the events they command.

Dyfed-Powys Police has provided reassurance that their Silver POPS Deputy does attend all SAGs. The Force also supports local authorities to identify events where SAGs may be necessary.

Recommendation 27: With immediate effect, all police forces should decline any payment from private individuals or companies for the provision of police services at public events unless it complies with section 25 of the Police Act 1996.

Dyfed-Powys Police has confirmed that the Operational Planning Team abide by these legislative requirements.

I am grateful for the publication of this report and its recommendations. In my role as Police and Crime Commissioner and through the relevant governance structures I will ensure that the recommendations are fully realised. My team and I will continue to work closely with Dyfed-Powys Police representatives to monitor Dyfed-Powys Police's progress in implementing the required changes and processes.