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PCC response to HMIC reports on child protection:

- 1) In harm's way; the role of the police in keeping children safe**
- 2) Online and on the edge; real risks in a virtual world**
- 3) Building the picture; an inspection of police information management**

The Chief Constable responded to these child protection reports at the Police and Crime Commissioner's public facing meeting held on 29 October 2015.

(A copy of these reports can be viewed on pages 151 – 157 of the following agenda papers:
<http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/29-Oct-agenda-v2.pdf>)

PCC Anthony Stansfeld said:

“The first two reports (“**In harm's way**” and “**Online and on the edge**”) are both inextricably linked. While no specific fieldwork was carried out in Thames Valley Police, there are a number of themes and issues which are familiar across all forces.

The findings and recommendations of the reports reflect the issues and challenges that Thames Valley Police had already identified. The scale and significance of these challenges - most importantly for their impact on children - are not underestimated. Thames Valley Police have already implemented or are developing solutions for these challenges, with proportionate governance procedures in place.

With regards to the third report (“**Building the Picture**”), Thames Valley Police recognises the importance of effective information management and welcomes the national focus on this area. However, some of HMIC's recommendations are challenging in terms of cost and timescales, and dependent on the delivery of other recommendations made to the Colleges of Policing. However, after reviewing the Force's action plan in relation to these national recommendations, I am satisfied that TVP's response is proportionate.