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PCC response to HMIC's report: 'The welfare of vulnerable people in police custody'.

The Chief Constable responded to HMIC's Report – *The welfare of vulnerable people in police custody* at the Police and Crime Commissioner public facing meeting held on 29 October 2015.

(A copy of this report can be viewed on pages 148 – 150 of the following agenda papers:
<http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/29-Oct-agenda-v2.pdf>)

PCC Anthony Stansfeld said:

“After considering the Force's response to this report – which includes an update on the progress of TVP custody strategy in relation vulnerable people in custody - I am satisfied with the Force's approach in meeting the challenges of HMIC.

The issues relating to vulnerability in TVP custody suites are recognised by the Force. The development of a structured strategic plan, oversee by a 'vulnerability panel' including external scrutiny will serve to ensure that TVP produce a fair, transparent custodial service to the whole community and that the Force will be in a strong position to fully meet expectations for police custody by HMIC.

I have a particular interest in recommendations 3 and 7 of the report to ensure data is better utilised to promote transparency and accountability, and will therefore continue to monitor Force developments closely.