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Response from Kevin Hurley, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to the HMIC report 'Regional Organised Crime Units'

The report issued by HMIC in December 2015 examined the ten national regional organised crime unit (ROCU), including the South East ROCU (SEROCU) for which, together with the other PCCs in the South East region, I am jointly responsible for governing.

The PCCs in the South East have committed significant funding and support to the SEROCU. We know from our South East regional governance board that the SEROCU is an effective unit providing specialist capabilities to tackle serious and organised crime and close links with local forces. I was pleased to see this recognised by the HMIC. The report found that the SEROCU is only one of two ROCUs providing all of the 13 identified capabilities to all their constituent forces and is one of the few that has a dedicated Chief Officer. The South East is also at the forefront of developing new collaborated specialist capabilities to ensure best use of local resources.

In terms of the recommendations I have received assurances from the head of the SEROCU that the unit will work closely with national agencies and local forces to ensure that they are implemented across the region. Surrey Police will be developing the recommended action plan with regard to making maximum use of the SEROCU resources whilst minimising duplication and prioritising across the region. I have requested that the draft plan be provided to be at a governance board in April 2016 and the regional plans will also be considered together at the South East Governance Board.

Kevin Hurley, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

