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**1. Background**

- 1.1 On the **DPA** 2012 BBC *Newsnight* broadcast a report during which a victim of historic child abuse, who was a former North Wales children's homes resident was interviewed. **AR-A95** outlined details of physical and sexual abuse that existed as a culture within care homes. He also implicated a prominent political figure of the time, as being an alleged perpetrator.
- 1.2 Within a week of these revelations **AR-A95** retracted his comments regarding the identity of this individual.
- 1.3 These allegations received significant media reporting and political interest.
- 1.4 This media reporting prompted a number of allegations to be made by people regarding their treatment, while in care in North Wales. The allegations related to physical violence and sexual violence
- 1.5 The Chief Constable of North Wales invited the Director General of the National Crime Agency to lead, direct and control a review following these allegations. The provisions of 23 Serious Organised Crime Police Act 2005 were employed to enable the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA) to support the Director General. The Home Secretary endorsed this request.
- 1.6 This report sets out the strategies implemented to achieve the terms of reference and the findings to date.

**2. Terms. of Reference**

- 2.1 The Director General of the National Crime Agency and the Chief Constable of North Wales, agreed the following terms of reference for Operation Pallial, which were endorsed by the Home Secretary

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