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RE: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: JOINT HMIC/SSI INSPECTION OF JOINT POLICE AND SOCIAL SERVICES INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT

As mentioned in my minute of 14 March, I have now received the draft press statement produced by David White and Dan Crompton.

We think that David White's comments stretch the gloss to the point of distorting the accuracy of the statement and I will be speaking to him about it.

In the light of this proposed press statement, it would be helpful to decide whether to recommend that PS(C) publish the report with or without a press statement. My own view is that he should. Their press statement does not provide essential context or indicate that a further inspection will be undertaken in the Summer.

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Joint press release from David White, Director of Social Services and Dan Crompton, Chief Constable.

Nottinghamshire's Director of Social Services David White, and Chief Constable Dan Crompton have welcomed a report which highlights improved co-operation between their two services over cases involving children.

Inspectors from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and the Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) last summer conducted a follow up to their 1991 joint enquiry into liaison between the county's police and social services over allegations of child sexual abuse.

The report concludes that changes in structure in both police and social services have led to a closer working relationship between the two agencies and a 'more efficient process of joint investigations.'

"I am pleased that the inspectors were able to see for themselves that we have been able to put into practice recommendations made in their initial investigation," said David White. "Staff in both services have put in much hard work to ensure this is so."

"However I am intent on building on the progress made so far, Police and Social Services are committed to working together to further improve the quality of service in child protection."

Chief Constable Dan Crompton welcomed the inspectors' conclusion that 'relationships, planning and practice between the police and social services' had improved: "The Police and Social Services have a clearer understanding of their roles. I am confident that cases of this type can be investigated diligently, and in a spirit of co-operation with the other agencies involved."

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David White drew specific attention to three further comments by the inspectors:

- *That action was taken on the cases reviewed within 24 hours.
 - *That standards of record keeping in both police and social services were praised for giving clear accounts of work done.
 - *That a 'remarkable improvement' had been made towards the principal of working in partnership with parents and children.
- "The details of the inspectors comments will be studied carefully and reported to the Social Services Committee," David White said.

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