

**‘State of Policing: The Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales
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Avon & Somerset PCC response dated 12 September 2024**

I welcome this report from the Inspectorate as it helps understand the context of policing nationally and the challenges being faced across the country.

This report also reinforces the priorities of my Police and Crime Plan. It talks about the importance of neighbourhood policing; the need to tackle violence against women and girls; the police’s role in preventing crime; better supporting victims; and improving police standards.

Focusing on these priorities will help rebuild public trust and confidence which are essential for our model of policing by consent.

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