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Report of	POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)
Subject	CSE REVIEW – INTERIM UPDATE
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Purpose of Report

1. This report provides the Panel with an update on the work commissioned in late summer 2014 on Leicestershire Police's review of historic Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) cases.

Recommendation

2. The Panel is asked to note the contents of this update.

Background

3. The Police and Crime Commissioner has recently been briefed by the Chief Constable and ACC Roger Bannister (who is the Senior Responsible Officer leading the Review). The briefing was in respect of an Interim Report which the force has helpfully provided to Sir Clive and the OPCC Chief Executive. The Review, which the force has named as Operation Sepia, has considered a large number of suspected child abuse cases which the force have logged and investigated over the past 25 years or so. The force have examined three principal systems - those that record allegations of crimes themselves; one that records concerns over abuse for children; and one that records people who are reported missing.
4. The Operation Sepia Review does not include those bigger major crime investigations which have already been investigated or are still being investigated, some detail of which has already appeared in the media. Suffice to say these investigations have revealed some disturbing allegations of abuse and of course some convictions have been successfully brought in some cases. This update therefore cannot comment on other live investigations.
5. The early indications on Operation Sepia are that there have not been allegations of systematic abuse of vulnerable young people, committed by a pattern of groups of men which have failed to have been identified by the force. However, it is apparent

that a small number of case files may need some further investigative work as a result of this initial review research.

6. The Review is continuing and as a result of the required breadth and depth, it is unlikely to be completed until at least the end of February 2015. At its conclusion the PCC has agreed with the Chief Constable that a full and final report will be presented, after which formal decisions will be made on any further work required, either by the force alone or collaboratively with relevant partners.

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