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Dear Chief Constable, Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Fire Officer, Fire Authority Chair, Chief Executive, and Chair of Ambulance Trust Board

### **JOINT EMERGENCY SERVICES INTEROPERABILITY PRINCIPLES (JESIP)**

We are writing to formally thank you for your continued work in improving joint-working between the emergency services and wider responders through the adoption of the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP).

Since the 2015 HMIC-led (now HMIC-FRS) tri-service review, which found that the Principles were not yet embedded consistently nationally, JESIP has been increasingly embedded into business as usual practice. This has included: publication of edition two of the Joint Doctrine; the establishment of Joint Organisational Learning (JOL) Online as the only national platform to share multi-agency learning; and the transfer of central JESIP functions to the emergency services which has created a strong foundation for embedding JESIP at the national level.

However, the JESIP assurance programme – which visited over 95% of services in England Wales, and Northern Ireland in 2017 - highlighted that more effort is required to sufficiently embed JESIP into services locally. This includes the adoption of JESIP into all local doctrine and training and exercise plans, and a formalised local process for identifying and sharing multi-agency lessons nationally.

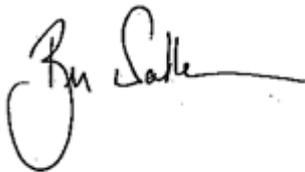
We remain committed to JESIP, including highlighting its importance in the newly published CONTEST - The United Kingdom's Strategy for Countering Terrorism. It is however now crucial that local services continue to drive and embed JESIP. Without your buy-in, progress in joint working will falter. There are a number of key actions we would therefore ask you to take:

- Deliver a JESIP structure locally which includes a strategic lead, a training or delivery lead, and JOL lead, ensuring that a process is in place to maintain these positions as normal practice;
- Establish a formal process locally with all Local Resilience Forum partners to share multi-agency lessons and notable practice as standard onto JOL Online;
- Subscribe to JESIP peer review arrangements outside of statutory inspections; and
- Continue to deliver multi-agency training and awareness packages, and have a written commitment to do so. Training should be received at all levels – up to and including chief officer level – and continue throughout careers.

In 2017 the UK experienced an unprecedented number of major incidents which required a multi-agency response, including a number of terrorist attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire. These incidents highlighted the importance of JESIP for all emergency responses and demonstrated that, when the JESIP principles are used effectively, the response is more effective.

We therefore urge you to continue to work together, both locally and with the JESIP team, to ensure that interoperability between your services is as effective as it can be.

We would like to reiterate our thanks for your hard work and success to date.



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