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Dear Dr Radcliffe

I am writing on behalf of the Commissioner in response to your Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths dated 23rd May 2019, following the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Tyerece Johnson. In Deputy Assistant Commissioner Matthew Horne's absence, I will be responding in my role as OCU Commander for the Directorate of Professional Standards.

In drafting our response we have consulted with the relevant subject matter experts, principally: Superintendent [REDACTED] Service Delivery for Met Command and Control (MetCC); [REDACTED] Head of Support for MetCC and Chief Inspector Lisa Maslen, Met Grip, MetCC.

Response to Matter of Concern:

The first CAD messages gave an approximate age of the riders of the moped (aged 15 to 16). However this was not passed on to the team in the Police Control Centre who were formulating tactics to bring the moped to a stop. All witnesses from the police control room and police helicopter agreed that the age of the riders was a relevant factor to take into account when formulating a risk assessment in order to inform their tactical decision making. (However I did not find that it caused or contributed to the death in this instance). Action should be taken to ensure such important information is made available to all relevant staff who are formulating risk assessments in this type of scenario.

Since 2016 a number of changes have been made within Met Command and Control (MetCC). There is now a dedicated pod for police pursuits and follows as occurred here, which consists of the following six roles;

1. Intop Channel Operator (Interoperability – a dedicated channel to allow neighbouring forces to have a set of radio channels that could easily be used for cross-border incidents, especially pursuits. Each police force has at least two interoperability channels which each surrounding force has access to).
2. Channel 5 Operator (This is the support function for the Pan London radio channels. In the event of a pursuit/follow on Intop, the Channel 5 operator can help the Intop operator with typing whilst the operator speaks, assigning units to the incident).

3. North Area and South Area Operator.
4. Pursuit Tactical Advisor.
5. Traffic Supervisor.
6. Pan London Supervisor.

Whilst each has a number of responsibilities, it is for the Pan London Supervisor to take overall control of the pursuit/follow. Their role is to constantly risk assess the situation based on the information and intelligence available using the National Decision Model.

Due to the dynamic nature of incidents it is for the Pan London Supervisor to determine who is best placed at that time to carry out any additional intelligence checks and to continue to assess and task as appropriate throughout the incident.

The MPS considers that the changes implemented since 2016 are sufficient, however as a result of this Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths, MetCC led by Superintendent Gary Warby in charge of Service Delivery, will take the following action;

- Review the roles and responsibilities of the pod to ensure they are maximising information/intelligence opportunities.
- Consider whether there should be a mandatory checklist of indices at the start of a pursuit e.g. Police National Computer, Computer Aided Despatch (CAD) incidents including linked CADS, and Integrated Information Platform.
- Ensure Pan London courses and refresher training includes an input on information and intelligence gathering.

This review will be completed by 31st October 2019.

In Conclusion

In the last couple of years MetCC has created a dedicated police pursuits pod. This contains the necessary resources to support the Pan London Supervisor, who has overall control of pursuits/follows, with the information and intelligence required to risk assess the incident using the National Decision Model. MetCC believes this is sufficient to address the matter of concern raised by the Coroner, however they seek to improve their practices further and will conduct a review of the roles and responsibilities contained within the pod to ensure they maximise all available information and intelligence opportunities. This review will be completed within the next four months.

I trust this provides the reassurance that we have considered the point you have raised and that we have made improvements and continuously seek to do so.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Holdcroft
Detective Chief Superintendent