

28A recommendation and response record

To	Head of Professional Standards - British Transport Police (BTP)
Copied to	British Transport Police Authority HM Coroner Mary Hassell
Date sent	13 August 2024
Deadline for response	56 days after the date above – 8 October 2024
Case name	Euston Railway Station DSI
Case type	Independent
Case reference	2023/198295
Recommendation from	Operations Manager [REDACTED]
Police case reference	[REDACTED]

We have identified organisational learning for BTP and make the recommendation below under Paragraph 28A of Schedule 3 to the Police Reform Act 2002.

You are required by law to respond, in writing to us by the deadline specified above (56 days from the date this recommendation has been sent to you) and should do so using this form. Paragraph 28B of Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act sets out the requirements in relation to the response.

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To be completed by IOPC				To be completed by recipient	
Reference	Recommendation	Previously sent as a S10 recommendation?	Date sent	Do you accept?	Details, to include a) action to be taken, b) reason for no action, or c) reason not accepted
2023/198295/1	<p>The IOPC recommends that the British Transport Police (BTP) should explore opportunities to raise awareness of the Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF), outside of the Public Protection and Vulnerability training programme, to ensure that officers are made aware, and regularly reminded, of how and when this should be used in respect of safeguarding vulnerable individuals.</p> <p><i>This follows an IOPC investigation whereby a member of the public contacted police to report a concern for a man's welfare outside Euston Railway Station. The call</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

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	<p><i>was graded as requiring an emergency response and several officers attended. As a result of decisions made at the scene, no further action was taken and sadly the man later died. Evidence obtained during the investigation indicated that despite the officers having attended the training programme, they appeared unaware of the application of the VAF to help them assess the man and gather the appropriate information to inform their decision-making. Spreading further awareness of the VAF, will help officers make better decisions about safeguarding when attending welfare incidents. In using the VAF in this instance, the officers would have likely recognised that the man was vulnerable, and action could have been taken to appropriately safeguard him.</i></p>				
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