

HM Senior Coroner, Rachael Griffin  
via email only: [REDACTED]

1 May 2025

Dear HM Coroner Griffin,

**Re: Regulation 28 Report following the Inquest into the death of Ms Marta Vento**

Thank you for the Regulation 28 Report, following your inquest into the tragic death (and unlawful killing) of Ms Marta Vento by [REDACTED].

I acknowledge your finding, that *“evidence was given extensively throughout the Inquest about the management of sexual and violent offender (MOSOVO) unit within Dorset Police. Each police force in England and Wales has a MOSOVO unit with a team of staff managing sexual and violent offenders. Evidence was given that predominantly this is for the management of sexual offenders. [That] there is Approved [Authorised] Professional Practice (APP) guidance issued by the College of Policing regarding the operation of MOSOVO units. This guidance details the risk assessments to be undertaken which are a crucial stage in the management of these offenders.”*

You have further noted, *“The risk assessments detailed in the guidance are aimed at the assessment of the sexual risk of offenders and evidence was given that there is no bespoke risk assessment tool or guidance to assess the violence of such offenders to assist staff within MOSOVO units to undertake their role. There is, therefore, a lack of guidance on how to risk assess and manage offenders who are managed under MOSOVO when they present with the risk of violence, or an escalating risk of violence.*

You have surmised that you are *“concerned that [the current arrangements] will result in a failure to identify the risk of violence, or the increasing risk of violence, in those being managed by MOSOVO which may lead to a further death.”*

The College is responsible for providing guidance to forces in the form of APP for several areas of policing. The management of sexual and violent offenders (MOSOVO) is an area where we provide comprehensive guidance to forces in line with statutory MAPPA guidance, relative legislation and evidence-based practice. We aim to ensure the guidance remains up-to-date and current in line with emerging practice, lessons from review and new legislation.

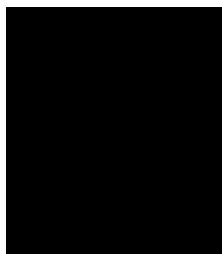
**MOSOVO APP** provides an array of information, from overview, through to the introduction to managing sexual offenders and violent offenders, multi-agency public protection arrangements, identification of MOSOVO offenders, managing public protection information, and the identification, assessing and management of risk.

The identification of risk section outlines that the process requires information from a range of sources, outlining that risk assessment(s) necessitate establishing the likelihood of a behaviour or event occurring, the frequency with which it may occur, whom it will or may affect and the extent to which that behaviour will cause harm. The APP outlines that while some risk assessment tools are sexual offending specific (i.e. ARMS), there are other risk factors that should be considered for all offending types. For example, although not comprehensive, static and dynamic risk factors can be of great value in designing and delivering risk management plans. Irrespective of offending type, risk management plans should be created for all registered offenders and comply with the broader MAPPA framework, if relevant. Further information on the available risk assessment guidance can be found [here](#).

A number of actuarial tools are cited within the APP, along with more generic risk assessment factors, and the importance of professional judgement is outlined. However, it would be remiss of us not to further explore the specific application of a risk assessment tool. I have asked my Policing Standards Manager, [REDACTED] to consult further with the NPCC Lead for MOSOVO and relevant subject matter experts to see where we can further improve our guidance and direction. Similarly, I shall also ask Sharon to liaise with Dorset Constabulary, to ensure that they are fully sighted on the current guidance and available material, to better address the risks posed by violent offenders in a MOSOVO setting.

If I can offer you any further assistance or reassurance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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