

Witness Name: MARTIN STOREY

Exhibits: MS/01 – MS/08

Dated: 26 January 2026

THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF

MARTIN STOREY

I, **MARTIN STOREY**, will say as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. I am Temporary Superintendent Martin Storey of Lancashire Constabulary.
2. This statement is made to assist the Southport Inquiry (the “**Inquiry**”) with the Audit and Quality Assurance work that was completed by Lancashire Constabulary on a dip sample of calls made to the Constabulary on 21 and 22 March 2023 where the Right Care Right Person (“RCRP”) Policy was applied.

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS

3. After finishing school and completing A levels, I went to university and then worked in hospitality management. In May 2002, at the age of 26, I joined Lancashire Constabulary and worked as a Police Constable for five years in East Lancashire in response, neighbourhood and targeting roles. In 2007, I was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant. I remained in the East Lancashire area in uniform roles before being appointed to the position of Staff Officer to the then Assistant Chief Constable.
4. In 2018 I was promoted to the rank of Police Inspector and initially worked as the Force Incident Manager based within the Force Control Room (“FCR”) before becoming the

Firearms Operations Inspector. In 2021, I was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector working within the Specialist Operations department. During this period, I was responsible for several of the Specialist departments including Mounted, Dogs, Firearms, Firearms Licensing, Civil Contingencies, Drone Team, ANPR and the Roads Crime Team. I have been an accredited Initial / Tactical Firearms Commander for seven years and Silver Public Order Public Safety Commander for four years.

5. On 10 November 2025 I was temporarily promoted to the rank of Superintendent and as part of my current portfolio I undertake the role of Head of Contact Management.

FACTUAL NARRATIVE OF INVOLVEMENT

6. I understand that on 21 March 2023 at 16:30, Ms Smith from Presfield High School contacted the FCR to ask for a welfare check to be conducted on AR as they had not seen him since 25 May 2022. She advised that Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services ("CAMHS") had seen him in January 2023, and his parents had told the school that AR was not attending because of his mental health. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 11097 Robert Correy ("Correy") and given the unique reference number LC-20230321-0958 (LANC000026). Correy opened the log as a "Concern for Safety" which automatically opened the RCRP question set. Correy worked through the questions and then advised Ms Smith that the police would not be able to attend and conduct a welfare check as this was the outcome of the RCRP question set.
7. At 16:40 the call was ended, and Correy requested closure of the incident log which then automatically transferred to the FCR team leader for closure. The incident log was reviewed by a supervisor, Police Staff 11803 Pip Holden-Pyke who closed the log.
8. Police Staff 11097 Correy gave evidence to the Inquiry on Tuesday 7 October 2025.
9. I understand the Chair to the Inquiry has requested a witness statement detailing the audit and quality assurance work that was completed by Lancashire Constabulary on a dip sample of other calls to the FCR on 21 and 22 March 2023 where RCRP was applied.
10. In total eight logs were checked. The logs were selected entirely at random, with the audit being conducted on incident logs that were marked as not resulting in a deployment. Each of the logs had been dealt with by a different member of staff. I will deal with each log in turn.

11. On 21 March 2023, 51 incident logs were created under the category of 'Concern for Safety' that did not result in a deployment. RCRP calls are dealt with under this category. On 22 March 2023, 35 incident logs were created under the 'Concern for Safety' category that did not result in a deployment.
12. The first log that was audited was a call from a female who reported that her ex-husband had turned up at her address to see their children. One of the children had gone outside to see him. When the informant had come back downstairs the male had left with the child. An incident log was opened as a "Concern for Safety" for the child by Police Staff 10075 Wilkinson and given the reference number LC-20230321-[redacted] I exhibit the log as **MS/01** - **LANC000436**.
13. Full details were recorded on the log of both the male and female parties including their dates of birth. The details of the child and their date of birth were included on the log. The markers on the female's address were checked along with any previous calls. Checks were carried out to try and locate a current mobile number for the male party.
14. The RCRP question set was completed, and a decision was made to deploy police to the incident. Observations were requested for the male party's vehicle, and his registration plate was passed to Automatic Number Plate Recognition team. However, before a police officer could deploy to this incident the male party returned with the child. Advice was passed to the female advising her to speak to a solicitor about the matter.
15. The second log audited related to concern for a male who was thought to have taken an overdose and was delirious. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 11400 Simpson and given the reference number LC-20230321-[redacted] I exhibit the log as **MS/02** - **LANC000437**. The male's details, including his name and date of birth, were recorded on the log and checked. Previous markers on the address were checked, and this was stamped on the log along with previous calls.
16. The RCRP question set was completed by Simpson, and a decision was made to contact the ambulance service to attend this incident as the lead agency. Police did not deploy to this incident. The caller was made aware that the ambulance service had been contacted by the Police and they would take the role of lead agency.
17. The third log audited was a call from [redacted] Police who had been contacted by a social worker who was requesting a welfare check on an adult client who was staying

at his mother's address [I&S]. The social worker was concerned that the male was vulnerable [I&S]. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 14682 Hilton and given the reference number LC-20230321-[I&S]. I exhibit the log as **MS/03 – LANC000438**. Full details were obtained including the name and date of birth of the person in respect of whom the welfare check was requested, and this was recorded on the log. The name, date of birth and mobile number of the social worker was recorded on the log. Markers and previous calls on the address where the male was thought to be staying were also checked.

18. The RCRP question set was completed, and a decision was made not to deploy police to this incident. This decision was conveyed to the support worker. Social services knew the address the male was at and had made no attempts to attend themselves. The only concern they could detail was that the male was staying with his mother and she wasn't answering her mobile telephone although they thought she could have changed her number as it wasn't connecting when they tried to ring it.
19. The fourth log audited was a call from [I&S] Hospital reporting concerns for a potentially suicidal female who had been involved in an incident the previous Sunday. This had been reported to Police at the time. The RCRP question set was completed, and an initial decision was made that it was not suitable for Police deployment, but the ambulance service was contacted by the Police and asked to attend. A new incident log was opened by PC 562 Backhouse and given the reference number LC-20230321-[I&S]. I exhibit the log as **MS/04 – LANC000439**. The name and date of birth of the patient were obtained and recorded on the log. Previous logs involving the female were reviewed along with markers on her home address. The markers were stamped on the log.
20. The RCRP question set was completed again, and a decision was made to deploy police to this incident. However, further checks were completed, and it was eventually established the ambulance service had seen the female when originally deployed and referred her to her GP. As a result of this information, Police did not, in the event, attend on this occasion.
21. The fifth log audited was a call reporting concern for a neighbour who hadn't been seen for a while. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 12475 Grice and given the reference number LC-20230321-[I&S]. I exhibit the log as **MS/05 – LANC000440**. The name and address for the neighbour were obtained from checking previous calls and their details were recorded on the log. A check, however, was not carried out for any previous markers on the address.

22. The RCRP question set was completed, and a decision was made not to deploy police to this incident. Previous logs at the neighbour's address suggested that they regularly went away and there were no immediate concerns for their wellbeing. This information was placed on the log by the call taker as their rationale for not deploying Police resources.
23. The sixth log audited was a call from a school reporting concern for a pupil who had not been seen for three days. The mother of the child had advised school that the child was ill but there had been no reply at the address when the school had visited on two occasions. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 11884 Smith and given the reference number LC-20230321-[I&S] I exhibit the log as **MS/06 – LANC000441**. The name of the pupil and their date of birth was obtained. Previous calls and markers at the home address were checked and a similar log from January 2023 cross referred into this incident.
24. The RCRP question set was completed, and a decision was made not to deploy police to this incident. The school stated that they were going to refer the matter to Children's Social Care.
25. The seventh log audited was a call from a mother concerned that her son was threatening to harm himself. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 13796 Bosman and given the reference number LC-20230322-[I&S] I exhibit the log as **MS/07 – LANC000442**. The name and date of birth of the son was obtained and recorded on the log. Previous calls and markers were also checked and a marker stamped on the log to highlight this.
26. The RCRP question set was completed, and a decision was made not to deploy police to this incident. Advice was given for the mother to either attend the address herself or call the ambulance service.
27. The eighth and last log audited was a call from a home treatment team requesting a welfare check on a male who had had previous suicide ideation and had been referred to them by his GP. An incident log was opened by Police Staff 11953 Coop and given the reference number LC-20230322-[I&S] I exhibit the log as **MS/08 – LANC000443**. The full name of the male and his date of birth was recorded on the log. Previous markers on his home address were viewed, and it was established that there were no previous calls to the address.

28. The RCRP question set was completed, and a decision was made not to deploy police to this incident. Advice was given to the informant to re-contact the GP to establish the exact circumstances around the referral or to visit the address of the male themselves. The call taker contacted the ambulance service to ask them to attend and then re-contacted the caller to advise that the ambulance service would be attending.
29. In my professional opinion, the eight calls audited demonstrated that in all the calls the names and dates of birth of the person the concern was about was obtained. Callers were also signposted to more appropriate services where appropriate, and in many cases previous calls to the address were checked. This is in contrast with the call that was taken by Correy.
30. On 6 October 2025 the RCRP question set was changed by the Constabulary. The opening question on the call script was changed to ask what the person's name and date of birth was. This was done to enable the call taker to conduct a Police National Computer check and to check any previous calls or any markers held on STORM at the address/location.
31. Should the Inquiry wish for the Constabulary to conduct a further audit on a greater number of calls, we would be more than willing to do so.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed:  _____

The signature box is a dashed rectangular outline containing the word "Signature" in a large, bold, black font.

Dated: 26/01/2026

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