



**Lancashire  
Constabulary**  
police and communities together

**REPORT TO: JOINT AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

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**SUBJECT: HMIC Summary of Inspections Programme 2017/2018  
Appendix A refers**

## **1 Issue for Consideration**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Commissioner in respect of the HMIC Inspection programme for 2017/2018.

## **2 Recommendation**

The Commissioner is asked to note the report and comment on items discussed.

## **3 Background**

- As part of our annual inspections of police, Efficiency, Legitimacy and Leadership (PEEL), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) assessed these legs of the PEEL and their overall judgement for 2016 was that Lancashire Constabulary is a 'Good' force. HMIC did not identify any causes of concern and has therefore made no specific recommendations. However, areas for improvement have been made.
- HMIC have assessed the Effectiveness including Vulnerability of Lancashire and the pre-publication check has been returned to HMIC on 6<sup>th</sup> February, their overall judgement for 2016 will be available in March 2017 when the report is published.

- Criminal Justice Joint Inspection HMIC/CPSI Inspection of Disclosure was conducted on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 for the day. The aim of the joint inspection was to provide an assessment of how the disclosure process was currently operating across both agencies, with a significant emphasis on identifying any lessons that could be learnt to improve performance.

The Inspection focused on specific Crown Court Cases. The Inspection consisted of the following: -

Case file examination which was a mixture of Crown Court cases and CPS cases with unsuccessful outcomes, these cases were provided by the force.

Inspection activity included, planned one hour interview with a force nominated disclosure lead, PIP Level detectives and Case Builders/Managers.

- State of images have been returned to HMIC 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and will appear in the 2016 version which is to be published in March 2017.
- HMIC Peel Legitimacy – public complaints and internal misconduct file review element of the PEEL Legitimacy 2017 Inspection was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January within PSD, there will not be a report regarding this Inspection, but their findings will be built into the PEEL Spring Inspection, which will be between April and July 2017.
- Unannounced Inspection of Police Custody in Lancashire was on the 31<sup>st</sup> May until 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The report set out that HMCIC and HMCIP expected an action plan to be developed to respond to their findings. On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 the action plan which covered all recommendations was returned to Mr Peter Clarke, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons.
- HMIC PEEL Legitimacy – a request for 200 stop and search records over a period from 2359 hours on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and working backwards in time until a sample of 200 records was reached has been returned to HMIC on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and each one was quality checked for accuracy before the return was sent.
- Unannounced Crime Data Integrity (the HMIC audit team will make a telephone call to Chief Officers team and also on the same day, the audit team will visit the force to meet with the FCR (unannounced). They will test how well the Home Office Counting Rules are applied. The HMIC will continue with this programme of work until they are satisfied that the accuracy of crime recording is undiminished. No notification has been received as yet.
- Dates have not yet been fixed for the HMIC Inspection of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking however, this will be in two Phases:-

Phase 1 (April 2017) this inspection will involve an all force self-assessment, data and document analysis.

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Phase 2 (May 2017 to March 2018) building on the findings and conclusion of Phase 1, the second phase is expected to consider how well the police and criminal justice agencies work together to protect victims and tackle offenders.

- As in previous years the Spring 2017 HMIC will inspect the Constabulary on Efficiency, Legitimacy and Leadership and the Autumn 2017 inspection will be Effectiveness and Leadership including Vulnerability which are predominant elements of the PEEL programme, no dates have been released as yet.
- HMIC Spring 2017 Efficiency, Legitimacy and Leadership document set, data and document returns have been received with a return date of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to HMIC.
- All HMIC Publications can be found on this [link](#).

#### **4 Implications**

Any recommendations from inspections may require action.

#### **5 Links to Police and Crime Plan**

Contributes to the delivery of transparency and openness for the organisation and provides assurance for the protection of frontline policing.

#### **6 Reasons why restricted**

The report is restricted as it contains information which if disclosed, would inhibit the free and safe exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation and prejudice the effective public affairs.

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