



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

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**SUBJECT: HMIC Summary of Inspections Programme 2017/2018**

## **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**

- The HMCIC's Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales is due to be laid in Parliament in March 2017. This will comprise of national thematic inspections, joint inspections, PEEL assessments, inspections of other national law enforcement agencies and commissions from the Home Secretary, police and crime commissioners and other local policing bodies. There will be a public consultation in early 2017 which, as in previous years, will ask for comments from the public, the police service and other interested parties on their proposed inspection programme. In advance of the public consultation, we were invited to offer our own views about the areas on which we consider HMIC should focus as part of the inspection programme for 2017/2018. The Chief Constable has replied to Sir Thomas Winsor on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 with his views.
- Value for Money Profile 2016 has now been published on the HMIC website. Lancashire was compared with West Yorkshire, Kent, Humberside,

Nottinghamshire, Northumbria, South Yorkshire, South Wales and the profiles provide comparative data on a wide range of policing activities. The summary profile is designed to show you how forces differ from other similar forces.

- As part of our annual inspections of police effectiveness, efficiency, legitimacy and leadership (PEEL), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) assesses the **legitimacy** of police forces across England and Wales and their overall judgement for 2016 is that Lancashire Constabulary is a good force. HMIC has not identified any causes of concern and has therefore made no specific recommendations. However, 7 areas for improvement had been made.
- HMIC assesses the **leadership** of police forces across England and Wales but does not grade forces. HMIC's overview is that Lancashire Constabulary has clearly set out their leadership expectations. It is clear that across the workforce people feel supported to develop their leadership skills.
- HMIC have assessed the **efficiency** of Lancashire and their overall judgement is good in respect of the efficiency with which it keeps people safe and reduces crime. HMIC has not identified any causes of concern and therefore has made no specific recommendations.
- HMIC have assessed the **effectiveness and vulnerability** of Lancashire the report will be available in December 2016.
  
- On the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016, the Home Secretary commissioned Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) to inspect the policing response to the Modern Slavery Act (2015). Having established and consulted their Expert Reference Group, HMIC Proposes to conduct this inspection in two district phases.
- Phase 1 (April 2017) this inspection will involve an all-force self-assessment, data and document analysis. It will also involve a series of fieldwork visits, in up to ten forces, plus interview with Regional Organised Crime Units and the National Crime Agency. The inspection findings will be published in a national thematic report in April 2017.
- Phase 2 (May 2017 to March 2018) building on the findings and conclusions of the Phase 1 inspection, the second phase is expected to consider how well the police and other criminal justice agencies work together to protect victims and tackle offenders.
- The self-assessment, document and data requests are at the completion stage and are to be returned by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. HMIC do not have a fixed view on the right approach. Rather, they are seeking to understand the different ways forces have approached this issue, and our assessment of how effective this has been in our force.
  
- 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.

- The report of the unannounced joint inspection of police custody in Lancashire was published on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The report sets out, HMCIC and HMCIP expect that an action plan will be developed to respond to the findings. When the report was sent to us for factual accuracy, HM Chief inspector of Prisons Peter Clarke asked that an action plan be developed and sent by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- 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 vulnerability which are predominant elements of the PEEL programme.
- 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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