

## Police and Crime Panel

17th September 2021

## HMICFRS inspections

## Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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### Purpose

1. To brief the Police and Crime Panel on the findings of the recent inspections/ report by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) that have required a PCC comment, listed below:
  - A duty to protect: Police use of protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls.
  - Interim report: Inspection into how effectively the police engage with women and girls
  - A review of 'Fraud: Time to choose
  - A joint thematic inspection of the police and Crown Prosecution Service's response to rape – Phase one: From report to police or CPS decision to take no further action.

### Individual inspections and findings

#### **A duty to protect: Police use of protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls.**

2. The inspection's overarching findings are pending public release.

#### **Interim report: Inspection into how effectively the police engage with women and girls**

3. The inspection's overarching findings are as follows:
  - The Government, police, criminal justice system and public sector should immediately and unequivocally commit to prioritising the response to violence against women and girls, supported by sufficient funding and mandated responsibilities
  - The police should make the relentless pursuit and disruption of perpetrators a national priority, and their capability and capacity to do this should be enhanced and

- Funding and structures should be put in place to ensure victims receive tailored and consistent support.
4. Durham Constabulary and the OPCC are working to produce a cohesive strategy to address violence against women and girls, which is also a key deliverable held within the Police and Crime Plan 2021-24 under the Safer People priority.

**A review of 'Fraud: Time to choose**

5. The inspection's overarching finding is as follows:
- National Police Chiefs' Council Coordinator for Economic Crime, National Crime Agency, National Economic Crime Centre, and City of London Police should work together to set up an effective national tasking and co-ordination process for fraud.

**A joint thematic inspection of the police and Crown Prosecution Service's response to rape – Phase one: From report to police or CPS decision to take no further action**

6. The report's overarching findings are as follows:
- Ensure staff police forces and the CPS should work together to build a seamless approach
  - Police forces should record information on the protected characteristics of victims and
  - Police forces should work with local support services to provide bespoke, wrap-around support for victims at every stage.
7. Durham Constabulary already have significant strands of work across these overarching themes. However, there is always a willingness to drive improvement which has manifested itself into specific projects focussed on rape for the Force.

**Recommendations**

8. That the Panel notes the content of the inspection report.

**Joy Allen**  
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**Appendix 1: Risks and Implications**

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**Finance**

N/A

**Staffing**

N/A

**Equality and Diversity**

N/A

**Accommodation**

N/A

**Crime and Disorder**

N/A

**Children's Act 2004**

N/A

**Stakeholder/Community Engagement**

N/A

**Environment**

N/A

**Collaboration and Partnerships**

N/A

**Value for Money and Productivity**

N/A

**Potential Impact on Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

N/A

**Commissioning**

N/A

**Other risks**

N/A

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