



Durham Police and Crime Panel

3 February 2014

Home Secretary Letter - Recording of Crime

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Purpose of the Report

1. To present for information to the Police and Crime Panel a letter from the Rt. Honourable Theresa May M.P., Home Secretary to Chief Constables titled 'Recording of Crime'.

Detail

2. Appendix 2 contains a letter dated 10th January 2014 from the Home Secretary to Chief Constables regarding the importance of accuracy to the recording of crimes so that statistics are as robust as the possibly can be. In addition, the letter also refers to the Public Administration Select Committee's inquiry into the accuracy of crime statistics and that following approval from the Home Secretary, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary is to assess the quality of crime recording in every force and publish an update in April and a full report in Autumn.
3. The Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Hogg will present the letter for information to Members of the Police and Crime Panel.

Recommendation

That Members of the Police and Crime Panel note information contained within the letter from the Home Secretary.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

None

Staffing

None

Risk

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

Information contained within the report is regarding the importance to the accuracy of the recording of crime.

Human Rights

None

Consultation

None

Procurement

None

Disability Issues

None

Legal Implications

None