

Police and Crime Panel

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Recent HMIC inspection reports

Report of Office of Police, Crime and Crime Commissioner



1. Purpose of report

To brief the Police and Crime Panel on the recent assessments by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary.

2. Summary

HMIC undertakes a programme of inspections every year with each Force, covering

- Efficiency
- Legitimacy
- Leadership
- Effectiveness

The results of inspections (except for Leadership) are categorised as follows:

- Outstanding
- Good
- Requires Improvement
- Inadequate

Durham's latest performance ratings, for inspections which took place during the autumn of 2016, are

Efficiency: outstanding

Legitimacy: good

Leadership: no overall rating given, but very positive comments.

Effectiveness: outstanding

3. Other inspections

The Panel will wish to note that in October 2017 the Force was inspected for Crime Data Integrity. This inspection looks into the accuracy with which crime is recorded by the force,

and the extent to which the force is adhering to the National Crime Recording Standards. The results of that inspection have yet to be published.

All Forces have also been inspected for a further element of legitimacy this autumn, covering plans to tackle the abuse of authority for sexual purpose. HMIC’s national report found that the majority of police forces in England and Wales still have work do in regard to their planning around preventing the abuse of position for a sexual purpose.

Durham, however, had the following more positive response from HM Inspector of Constabulary:

“We were pleased to find that your plans submitted in response to our recommendation were comprehensive, and also reflected the national strategy agreed at the National Police Chiefs’ Council in April of this year. We found evidence in your plans of a review of the capability and capacity of your counter-corruption unit and improvements to your IT systems’ monitoring capability, both of which were already underway. Your work in seeking intelligence from those organisations that support vulnerable people were also included in your plans, although this work was at an earlier stage of development.”

4. Recommendation

That the Panel notes the report.

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