

DRAFT QUESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY 26TH FEBRUARY 2016

The PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2015 (Vulnerability) Report December 2015 rated Lancashire as one of 12 forces in the UK who were "Good" (no forces were adjudged to be "Outstanding").

The rating of Constabulary in this regard is excellent. However, there are a number of issues in the report I feel I would like to pick up on:

1. Please can the Chief Constable advise on the steps taken or planned by Constabulary to address how it is recording on crime systems, data pertaining to the vulnerable victims?
2. Please advise on the current training regime for officers who deal with vulnerable victims.
3. In the report, partnership arrangements about MASH are raised. It mentions backlogs of referrals and systems/bureaucracy issues. Please advise what steps have been taken to address the issues at Blackpool and what is the current referrals backlog/picture pan Lancashire.
4. A national Code of Practice for victims of crime has been produced and Constabulary are one agency who have a contribution to make to that Code. Please can you advise the Commissioner of the Constabulary's progress in this regard and especially in relation to the provision of enhanced services for vulnerable victims.
5. HMIC inspected Constabulary in 2014 and recommendations made are being addressed. However, the recent report suggests 'the force should set out clear timescales to finalise these improvements and make sure they become part of routine practice. Please advise of the current position.
6. Finally, on this report, the HMIC indicated Constabulary still had work to do to ensure frontline officers understood the full range of safeguarding roles for DA victims, as well as understanding more about controlling and coercive behaviour in the context of DA. Please advise what Constabulary are doing/plan to do to address these issues.
7. The Rotherham Inquiry into child sexual exploitation forced many organisations across the UK to look closely at their relationships and partnerships with other agencies. In the context of Lancashire, what has Lancashire Constabulary done to review the effectiveness of its current partnerships/relationships?
8. The Constabulary have recently had a successful prosecution concerning 3 men who brought 2 Romanian teenagers to Preston with the promise of working in a hotel.

Instead, they were forced into prostitution. The men were convicted of trafficking offences, rape and managing a brothel. What lessons can be learned from cases of this nature and how are agencies collaborating across Lancashire to tackle this emerging issue?

9. The MARAC model of intervention which combines risk assessment and a multi-agency approach to high risk victims of domestic abuse and has been established as current good practice. What is the current workload across Lancashire and to what extent are Constabulary involved in these matters?