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<b>REPORT TO : STRATEGIC SCRUTINY MEETING – 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b>
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<b>TITLE: ITEM 5 - CRIME DATA INTEGRITY</b>

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report updates the Commissioner on progress against the Crime Data Integrity (CDI) Recommendations.

**2. Decision Required**

- 2.1 The Commissioner is requested to note the report.

**3. Information**

- 3.1 In June 2014 Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) conducted a Review of crime data headed Crime Data Integrity (CDI), the results of this review were published in November 2014 under the heading Crime Data Integrity – Making the Victim Count.
- 3.2 The basis of the review was to review a number of incidents (including listening to the call) where a victim had reported a crime. The calls were assessed to ensure that the Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime (HOOCR) were being followed in the following areas:
- Call and incident handling – (Closing code, Operator Polite Helpful & Professional)
  - Crime Recording and Classification (How many crimes should have been recorded, were they recorded, crimes over recorded, crimes incorrectly classified)
  - Crime Recording Timeliness (How many crimes were recorded within 72hrs)
- 3.3 A percentage was given for the number of incidents correctly recorded as crimes (known as Log to crime). 92% were correctly recorded. On a National level the log to crime rate was 80%.

- 3.4 They also reviewed 136 crimes from three crime groupings (Robbery, Violence and Rape) which had been no crimed. They found 6 crimes cancelled which they deemed the decision to no crime was incorrect (1 of these was in the Rape grouping), therefore 94% correctly no crimed.
- 3.5 A dip-sample of Out of Court Disposals was also reviewed but no compliance score applied to this area.
- 3.6 The HMIC concluded the review with 2 reports in November 2014, one at force level the other at National level. The force level report contained 7 recommendations (see appendix A) and the National one (appendix B), which contains considerably more, states at recommendation 13, that the national policing lead for crime statistics should draw up an action plan in respect of the findings and that the action plan should provide for the development of clear guidance to facilitate the improvement of the integrity of crime recording. The forces position against this recommendation are attached in appendix A and B.
- 3.7 The HMIC are now in the process of completing a second CDI Inspection, the inspection will be unannounced, however, they will give 5 weeks' notice for forces to be able to collate the data needed. They anticipate completing all forces within the next 2 years.

#### **4 Implications**

- 4.1 There are no Implications.

#### **5 Links to Police & Crime Plan**

- 5.1 The monitoring of crime data integrity assists the Commissioner in fulfilling his responsibility to support and challenge the overall performance of the Constabulary against the priorities agreed within the Police and Crime Plan.

#### **6 Reasons why Restricted**

- 6.1 N/A

#### **7 Background Documents**

- 7.1 Appendix A Local CDI Action Plan
- 7.2 Appendix B National CDI Plan

#### **8 Contact for Further Information**

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