



**REPORT TO: Strategic Scrutiny Meeting**

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**SUBJECT: HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY –  
INSPECTION PROGRAMME**

## **1. Issue for Consideration**

1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Commissioner in respect of the HMIC inspection programme for 2016/17.

## **2. Recommendation**

2.1. The Commissioner is asked to note the report and comment on items discussed.

## **3. Background**

3.1. The HM Inspectorate of Constabulary's Inspection Programme and Framework for 2016/17 was laid before Parliament in March 2016 and subsequently agreed.

3.2. HMIC's 2016/17 inspection programme will be no less demanding than 2015/16 and will assess how well police forces manage their response to the terrorist threat and how they deal with victims of crime who are especially vulnerable, such as young children.

3.3. These will be in addition to the third annual all-force assessment PEEL (police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy).

3.4. Below is a summary of the HMIC Inspections for 2016/17.

### **PEEL inspections 2016/17**

3.5. In 2016/17, police effectiveness, efficiency, legitimacy and leadership will continue to be the basis and predominant elements of the PEEL programme. HMIC will run two tranches of inspections.

3.6. The spring 2016 inspection, commencing on the 18 July 2016 for four days and will inspect the efficiency, legitimacy, and leadership of forces, and the autumn 2016 inspection will deal with the effectiveness of forces. Vulnerability will be assessed as part of this inspection and will not, as in previous years, be a stand-alone inspection.

- In relation to the efficiency element, HMIC will inspect how efficient the force is at keeping people safe and reducing crime.
- In relation to the legitimacy element, HMIC will inspect how well the force treats people when working to keep people safe and reduce crime.
- In relation to leadership there will be an assessment of how well led forces are at every rank and grade, with a focus on the organisational structures that help each force to understand and develop leadership skills across the whole force.

3.7. The Chief Constable will provide an overall assessment of readiness at the meeting.

3.8. The second tranche of PEEL will begin in autumn 2016; it will be concerned with the effectiveness of forces. Although the effectiveness inspection is still in the planning stage it is expected to cover areas similar to those covered in 2015:

- crime prevention and neighbourhood policing – how effective the force is at preventing crime, anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe;
- investigations – how effective the force is at investigating crime and managing offenders;
- vulnerability – how effective the force is at protecting from harm those who are vulnerable and in supporting victims;
- strategic policing requirement (SPR) – how effective the force is at meeting its national policing responsibilities; and
- regional organised crime units (ROCU) – a follow-up on the recommendations made as part of the 2015 ROCU inspection.

3.9. The Chief Constable will provide an overall assessment of readiness at the meeting.

3.10. HMIC will publish the final PEEL 2016 assessment in March 2017.

### **National thematic inspections**

3.11. National thematic inspections examine a principal policing issue. This could be identified through HMIC's monitoring processes or by a commission from the Home Secretary. Thematic inspections can take place in any number of police forces, ranging usually from six up to all 43 forces. This type of inspection identifies poor practice relevant to the police service as a whole, and good practice regarding a specific aspect of policing.

## 3.12. Unannounced Crime Data Integrity Inspection 2016/2017

Crime-recording – HMIC intend to carry out unannounced inspections of crime recording in all 43 forces in England and Wales – the Crime Data Integrity (CDI) Programme. As in 2014, this programme will test how well the Home Office Counting Rules are applied. The HMIC will continue with this programme of work until they are satisfied that the accuracy of crime recording is undiminished. Each inspection will commence with telephone contact from HMI to the Chief Constable and supported by an email. No notification has been received as yet.

- 3.13. The 2016 PEEL Effectiveness inspection HMIC will undertake a crime file review of all forces. This will consist of a review of the initial telephone contact with police and the subsequent investigation of the offence. The crime categories that will be subject to the review are, Rape, Burglary Dwelling, S18/S20, Robbery, S39 (common assault) high risk DA, S39 (common Assault) low risk DA, Stalking and Harassment Act Offence (5 with cyber/online aspect) and Theft from person. Lancashire has provided their crime occurrences in these categories between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. The date for the Inspection is the 27<sup>th</sup> June for 5 days.

Counter-terrorism – thematic inspection

- 3.14. In 2015, HMIC commissioned the Counter-Terrorism Insight Programme which considered the changing threat posed by terrorism and international terror groups in particular. This programme began with an insight study to establish the areas of highest risk identified by both the public and law enforcement agencies for counter-terrorism policing. The study obtained views from the police, security services, PCCs and other organisations. It concluded in December 2015 with a seminar that brought together senior officials from a broad range of interested parties. The findings from this work will shape HMIC's counter-terrorism inspection in 2016/17 and beyond.

### Joint inspections

- 3.15. Subject to consultation on the Criminal Justice Joint Business Plan, HMIC will be involved in the following inspection activity with other inspectorates in 2016/17.

- 3.16. Joint inspections HMIC will lead or contribute to in 2016/17:

- **stalking and harassment:** to assess the effectiveness of forces at identifying and managing the vulnerability and risk associated with victims of stalking and harassment; their effectiveness and that of the CPS at investigating and prosecuting cases of stalking and harassment; and to identify effective practice (HMIC-led);
- **joint targeted area inspections of child protection:** to assess the progress and experiences of a cohort of children who are at risk of harm and are in contact with youth offending team services, health services, local authority children's social care services, and the police. Each set of inspections also includes an element that is looked at in detail, with the first six inspections

focusing on children at risk of sexual exploitation and those missing from home, school or care (led by Ofsted); and

- **police custody (rolling programme):** to assess the treatment and conditions of detainees in police custody against the revised criteria and methodology 'Expectations for Police Custody' (led by HMI Prisons).

3.17. Lancashire Constabulary was inspected in relation to police custody between the 1 June and 10 June 2016 and coincided with the Constabulary's migration from the existing C3P0 case and custody system to the new Northgate Connect system on the 8 June 2016, The Chief Constable will provide the Commissioner with an initial assessment at the meeting following the hot-debrief on the 10 June 2016.

3.18. The HMIC also works in partnership with other organisations to carry out joint inspections - HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate, HM Inspectorate of Probation and HM Inspectorate of Prisons. These inspections are detailed in a separate criminal justice joint inspection plan. The CJJI inspection programme for 2016/17 is currently being developed and is expected to be published shortly. However, we are lead to believe that the following area will be inspected.

- Digitisation in the CJ system with HMCPSI

#### **4 Implications**

<b>Financial:</b>	Nil
<b>Legal:</b>	Nil
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Nil
<b>Risks and Impact:</b>	Any recommendations from inspections may require action
<b>Link to Police and Crime Plan:</b>	Contributes to the delivery of transparency and openness for the organisation Provides assurance for the protection of frontline policing

#### **5 List of attachments / appendices**

#### **6 Background Papers**