



JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

20 March 2018

HMICFRS REPORT OVERVIEW

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This paper provides the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) with an Overview of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) reports issued for North Yorkshire Police since the last JIAC in December 2017. One report on Crime Data Integrity (CDI) was issued on 15 February 2018 following inspection activity carried out in late 2017.

2. CRIME DATA INTEGRITY

- 2.1 Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service published its Crime Data Integrity Inspection Report for North Yorkshire Police. Whilst the Force was found to have made good progress against a national action plan to improve crime recording by police forces, its overall rating was inadequate.

- 2.2 Commenting on the HMICFRS’s report findings, Deputy Chief Constable Lisa Winward said:

“Based on its inspection last year, HMICFRS found that although our officers and staff are focused on the needs of victims, our administration is letting us down, and we are not recording all crimes as we should. That must change, and we have already started to make improvements.

“It’s important to remember that every call we answer is logged; nothing is ignored. In every case where there was a vulnerable victim, we sent an officer and provided the service. However we have not recorded everything properly on the system, and we need to do much better.

“Crime recording is a complex field. The vast majority of Forces inspected by HMICFRS have been told to make improvements, so this is a national issue that we all need to tackle. At North Yorkshire Police we have already put a group in

place to drive the necessary changes, we have issued additional guidance to officers and staff, and we have altered the way we work in the Force Control Room to improve our crime recording. We also have plans for a “peer review”, where we will invite another Force to come in, share their expertise with us, and learn from their experience.

“As a Force we have always focused on providing a service to victims first and foremost, but getting the administration right is also very important. HMICFRS have made recommendations for improvement, and we are putting those into action.”

3 TRACKING HMICFRS RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 At the time of writing this report JIAC are scheduled to receive an overview of the process followed by the organisation for capturing and tracking HMICFRS recommendations. The overview is scheduled immediately prior to the formal session of JIAC on 20 March 2018. The session will be used to establish what level of detail JIAC require in relation to HMICFRS activity as a source of assurance.

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