

JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

MARCH 2022

HMICFRS OVERVIEW

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) with an overview of NYP's approach to responding to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) activity. It provides an overview of live recommendations and areas for improvement (AFI) at section 2. Section 3 provides commentary on the approach to the most recent publications followed by a general update on the inspectorate plan for the year at section 4. This report is aligned to the HMICFRS area of responsibility of the JIAC terms of reference.

2. HMICFRS RECOMMENDATIONS AND AFI

2.1 NYP has an internal register of all recommendations and areas for improvement made by HMICFRS. The internal governance is managed through the force's Risk and Assurance Board (RAB). The current headlines are:

- There are 29 recommendations and AFI's currently live on the register (42 actions in total)
- 3 of which are specific to NYP, the remainder stem from national thematic reports
- 7 are currently awaiting evaluation or decision for adoption (more detail below)
- 5 are recommendations made in reports over two years old. These 5 recommendations have been reviewed with the HMICFRS Force Liaison Lead in March 2022 and 3 are and are nearing completion and 2 are due to be superseded by a more recent inspection report.

3. RECENT PUBLICATIONS

3.1 All HMICFRS recommendations and AFI's are assessed to ascertain what action is required by the force to meet the requirements. The assessment is presented to the RAB and actions adopted accordingly. The table below provides an overview of the position on recent HMICFRS publications relevant to NYP as considered at RAB in February.

Inspection into how effectively the police engage with women and girls (3 recommendations have been considered and actions adopted at the February RAB)
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A joint thematic inspection of the police and Crown Prosecution Service's response to rape - Phase one: From report to police or CPS decision to take no further action

(1 recommendation adopted at the February RAB)

A joint thematic inspection of the criminal justice journey for individuals with mental health needs and disorders

(4 recommendations made for police forces, assessment ongoing)

A joint thematic inspection of the police and Crown Prosecution Service's response to rape - Phase 2: Post Charge

(3 recommendations made for police forces, assessment to be commenced)

4. INSPECTORATE ACTIVITY UPDATE

4.1 The list below summarises the updated position on the areas of coverage for the remainder of this year:

- Rolling programmes of policing inspections including:
 - PEEL
 - Child protection inspections (single agency and joint)
 - Custody suite inspections
 - Criminal justice joint inspections and inspection programmes.
- The current and planned thematic:
 - Digital forensics;
 - Race and policing programme – national leadership and governance;
 - Ethnic disproportionality in the criminal justice system;
 - Serious youth violence;
 - Serious and organised crime; and
 - Vetting and counter corruption