

Agenda Item 06

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

28th March 2019

HMICFRS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide members of the Committee with oversight of HMICFRS recommendations.

2. BACKGROUND

Since the last committee the focus has been on updating and where possible closing recommendations. Since December nine recommendations have been closed including five recommendations relating to integrity and corruption, three relating to the strategic policing requirement and one related to integrated offender management. Further closures are expected following publication of the Integrated PEEL Assessment (IPA).

Work has also started on FMS 2, with a deadline of the 31st May.

Inspections completed since the last meeting

Since the last committee meeting there have been two inspections in force.

The first inspection was in January and was part of the joint inspection programme led by HMIP supported by HMICFRS reviewing Terrorism Act (TACT) Custody Facilities.

The programme specifically assesses how well each police force fulfils its responsibility for the safe detention and respectful treatment of detainees in TACT detention facilities. Feedback from the inspection has been positive and the hot debrief is being arranged.

The second inspection was the CT4 inspection into Prevent. As part of HMICFRS's Counter-Terrorism inspection programme, HMICFRS undertook an inspection of police forces' role in Prevent – the Government's strategy for stopping people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Fieldwork for this inspection took place in force on the 7th February and comprised of interviews and focus groups. Feedback received on the day was positive. Following the completion of the inspection a national thematic report will be published in June.

Inspection reports received since the last meeting

Crime Data Integrity 2018 - Since the last meeting the Crime Data Integrity report has been received. Unfortunately, whilst HMICFRS recognised that some progress has been made WMP has retained its overall inadequate grading. The report did not contain any further recommendations from the four contained within the 2017 report, which are currently being addressed through the CDI Improvement plan, scrutinised at CDI Gold, chaired by the DCC. HMICFRS and the OPCC are represented on that group. A formal response has been submitted to HMICFRS outlining the Force position, including progress made since the time of the inspection.

Complaints and misconduct file review 2018 - West Midlands Police was published in January 2019. These were the findings of a crime and file review which took place in August 2018 and which showed an improving picture for the force. No recommendations are included within the report.

Outstanding recommendations currently graded Red

There are no recommendations currently graded as red.

Overview of reports for review

There are no reports identified for review at this meeting

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee to note the contents of the report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS