



west midlands
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Agenda Item 9

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

December 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. Nine recommendations have been closed including seven recommendations relating to Online and on the edge and two relating to Integrity and Corruption. Further closures are expected during December.

West Midlands Police was selected as one of five forces that will be inspected as part of the HMICFRS thematic inspection of Road Policing during December 2019. Fieldwork will take place in December and involve interviews and focus groups.

Inspections completed since the last meeting

Since the last committee meeting there has been a HMICFRS inspection on CT5 (Counter Terrorism) which looked at the force response to an armed attack. Fieldwork for this inspection took place in force between the 19th and 22nd November 2019 and comprised of interviews, focus groups and reality testing in the control room.

Inspection reports received since the last meeting

The **Peel Spotlight report** was released on 27th September 2019 and contained emerging themes from the second group of 2018/19 PEEL inspections report (police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy) inspections. Their findings were that overall, most forces were performing well. They were keeping people safe and reducing crime, using their resources efficiently, and treating their workforces and the communities they serve fairly and with respect. But there were more forces requiring improvement in more areas.

The **Cyber: Keep the light on** - An inspection of the police response to cyber-dependent crime thematic report was released on the 24th October 2019. In early 2019, the Home Secretary commissioned HMICFRS to inspect the effectiveness and efficiency of the police response to cyber-dependent crime. There is one recommendation relating to a revision of the current police structure for the response to cyber-dependent crime. There are also four areas for improvement including one on making better use of cyber specials and volunteers.

Autumn Data Collection

The force has submitted its autumn data return. HMICFRS has introduced a pilot tab on 'Pre charge bail' and 'Released under investigation' which they are asking forces to complete. The force has been able to provide some data and will be able to provide all data once the Connect system is in place.

Outstanding recommendations currently graded Red

There are no recommendations currently graded as red.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee to note the contents of the report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None