

Agenda Item 11

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

27th September 2019

HMICFRS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND

Integrated PEEL Assessment Update – HMICFRS have confirmed that PEEL 2020 will not start until April 2020. Currently HMICFRS are working through the detail of the inspection and how that will impact on forces. The programme is likely to move to a continuous assessment approach with insight taking place throughout the year. There will still be a report published annually for each force but the format is yet to be determined.

HMICFRS have confirmed that the submission date for FMS 3 will be 31st May 2020. Workshops are scheduled for October to give forces feedback on FMS 2 and to provide further guidance on the production of FMS 3.

The force has been notified of two thematic inspections that have been scheduled within the next three months.

November 2019 – Counter Terrorism Inspection focussing on the capability and capacity of the force to respond to a terrorist attack.

December 2019 – HMICFRS Inspection of Road Policing. West Midlands Police has been selected as one of five forces that will be inspected as part of this thematic inspection. Fieldwork will take place in December and involve interviews and focus groups.

Inspections completed since the last meeting

Since the last committee meeting there have not been any inspections in force.

Inspection reports received since the last meeting

The **Terrorism Act custody Suites** thematic national report was released 1st August 2019, containing three recommendations. There are two all force's recommendations relating to ownership at a senior level for TACT and ensuring sufficient data gathering in TACT.

In July we received "**The poor relation: The police and Crown Prosecution Service's response to crimes against older people**" thematic report. The recommendations within the report have been incorporated into the Force Vulnerability Improvement Plan and are monitored through the Vulnerability Improvement Board, chaired by ACC Crime.

The annual **State of Policing** report was published in July setting out Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary's assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of policing in England and Wales. The assessment covered the full breadth of policing work inspected by HMICFRS, and provided an overview of police forces in England and Wales.

The overall summary described that forces are performing well despite the challenges of increasing crime and limited resources. It commented on the defective and dysfunctional wider criminal justice system and the impact that is having on demand for policing. It also described the mismatch between the funding received by forces and the growing expectations of the public. The report stated that the reasons for the disparity are that funding does not take enough account of the unique circumstances of each force and that funding is given on too short term a basis.

The report then looks at the outcomes of the inspections that have been carried out this year. The report covers the integrated PEEL assessment and shows all forces current grading's and the trend. The report shows that West Midlands Police have improved to a good grading in the pillars of effectiveness and legitimacy and maintained a good grading in the efficiency with an outstanding grade for future planning.

There are no formal recommendations within this report.

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