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Agenda Item 10

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

2nd July 2020

HMICFRS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND

HMICFRS continues to suspend all inspection work requiring contributions from police forces and fire and rescue services, to enable them to focus on their vital work during the Coronavirus pandemic. This includes the joint-agency inspections, which HMICFRS carry out with other inspectorates.

HMICFRS are keeping this suspension under review and continue working with the Home Office and police and fire sector partners throughout.

Two recommendations have closed since the last report both from the National child protection inspection 2014 report. The first recommendation is for the review of detention of children and the second recommendation is for the Multi Agency Risk assessment Coordination (MARAC) process for safeguarding children.

HMICFRS Inspections and Force Management statements (FMS) –

No inspections have taken place since the last report and activity on the Force management statement has been suspended to enable resources to be redeployed to Coronavirus related plans and processes.

PEEL 2020 Inspection programme

The PEEL 2020 inspection programme was due to begin in April this year. However, due to the suspension of all inspection activity by HMICFRS it is likely that the timeline for the programme will be revised which will then be communicated to all forces.

Inspections completed since the last meeting

There have been no inspections since the last committee meeting. However, the force is still working closely with the HMICFRS Force Liaison Lead to ensure that relationships are maintained.

Inspection reports published since the last meeting

Counter Terrorism Policing - An inspection of the Police's contribution to the Government's Prevent Programme report was published on the 9th March 2020

Prevent is one of four strands of CONTEST, the UK Government's strategy for countering terrorism. It aims to tackle the causes of radicalisation, and support and safeguard those at risk of becoming radicalised. As such, the police have a critical role identifying people who are vulnerable to radicalisation and referring them for appropriate support. All 43 forces were inspected and this is the first time that HMICFRS has published its report which sets out the high level findings from this inspection and is redacted, in the interest of national security. HMICFRS have made eight recommendations to further improve the effectiveness of Counter Terrorism policing. All are being progressed by the relevant agencies

Outstanding recommendations currently graded Red

There are no recommendations currently graded as red.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS