



To: Business Coordination Board
From: Chief Constable
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RESPONSE TO HMIC INSPECTIONS

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Board on the current position with regards to the HMIC inspections specific to Cambridgeshire.

2. Completed Inspections

- 2.1 Three inspection reports have been published in the past few weeks – Compliance with the MOU between NABIS and Police Forces on 12/06/13, Stop Search on 9/7/13 and Valuing the Police 3 on 17/7/13.
- 2.2 Re NABIS – while Cambridgeshire were not one of the forces inspected the report concluded that while the 10 forces inspected recognised the value of NABIS as the only national service to link firearms-related criminality through ballistic examination, there needs to be greater clarity on the role of the Service, and on what information forces should record on the NABIS database.
- 2.3 As a consequence of the report, a review of the processes within Cambridgeshire was undertaken and the recommendations within the report are being progressed within the three counties, via JPS Scientific Support. These will be progressed at the BCH NABIS meeting on 3rd Sept.
- 2.4 Both Stop Search and Valuing the Police were generally positive in content, with Stop Search acknowledging much of the good work undertaken by the All Stops Steering and Scrutiny Group. There were no recommendations made, but the strategic lead is reviewing the content of the report and identifying where there may be a need to take action or make any changes to existing processes. This will be summarised in a paper to September's FEB.

2.5 Similarly, the Valuing the Police 3 report did not produce any explicit recommendations. This report provided a commentary of the changes already implemented by the constabulary over the past two years while also looking forward at how we intend to meet the further challenges over the coming two years.

2.6 The report contained some inaccurate data, which was unfortunately not able to be corrected in time for publication. It also referenced information which was supplied in February of this year which had subsequently been amended in light of the developing financial situation. Again, the content of the report was positive in terms of its assessment of the Constabulary in meeting the challenges ahead. The issues raised within the report are being progressed through a combination of the developing medium term financial plan and Project Metis.

3. Forthcoming Inspections

3.1 There are two forthcoming inspections for which we submitted documents to HMIC last week. These relate to:

1. The Strategic Policing Review
2. Crime Data Integrity (Crime Recording)

3.2 All forces will be visited as part of the Crime Data inspection but only 18 of the 43 forces will receive a visit in relation to the Strategic Policing Inspection. Current information suggest that Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire will all be inspected as part of the process. There are no confirmed dates for either of the above inspections at the current time although the HMIC schedule indicates that the reports for both are not scheduled for publication until 2014.

3.3 According to the planned inspection schedule (which remains subject to constant change and revision) there are also likely to be inspections into the following areas in 2013/14:

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – expected Autumn 2013
- Police Leadership/Freeing up Police Time and Preventative Policing – No confirmed date but likely to be end 2013/early 2014

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the Board notes the update.