



**To:** Business Coordination Board  
**From:** Chief Constable  
**Date:** 25 September 2013

## HMIC INSPECTIONS

### 1. Background

1.1 The PCC has a statutory responsibility to comment upon the result of HMIC Inspections that are specific to Cambridgeshire. In addition, the Home Office has confirmed that it is reasonable to expect PCCs to respond to HMIC reports either when their force is identified in a report or when the report makes recommendations that apply to all forces.

### 2. Background

2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the board on the process that will be adopted to ensure that the OPCC receive regular updates to allow this requirement to be discharged.

### 3. HMIC Inspections

3.1 On a monthly basis, the constabulary will send the OPCC a summary sheet which details both force specific and general inspection reports that have been published within the last month.

3.2 This update will include brief details of the inspection undertaken, together with the actions that have or are being carried out in force in response to the specific inspection and recommendations.

3.3 It will be the responsibility of the Chief Inspector CDD to compile and forward this information each month, prior to the BCB.

3.4 Due to the inspection and publication schedule of HMIC, there may be some months where there are no published reports.

**4. Current Position**

4.1 A summary of all relevant inspection activity from the period November 2012 to date, is included at Appendix A.

4.2 This separates the inspection reports into two tables, the first being those inspections specific to Cambridgeshire and the second covering general or other force specific inspections that have a relevance or impact to Cambridgeshire.

4.3 This format will be followed for subsequent monthly updates.

**5. Recommendation**

5.1 That the Board notes the update.

**Cambridgeshire Specific HMIC Inspections from Nov 2012 – Sept 2013**

Date	Inspection Title	Summary	Update
18/12/12	Revisiting Police Relationships: Progress Report	In 2011, we published Without Fear or Favour, which looked at instances of undue influence, inappropriate contractual arrangements and other abuses of power in police relationships with the media and other parties. While we found no evidence of endemic corruption in police relationships, we did not issue a clean bill of health. This revisit found that, while forces have made some progress, particularly around putting in place processes and policies to manage threats to integrity, more needs to be done.	Force level reports supporting the main thematic report were published. The report for Cambridgeshire was positive and identified many areas where the force could evidence progress against the recommendations. No further or specific recommendations were made. Responsibility sits with collaborated PSD for continuing to monitor and deliver against this area.
24/10/12	Value for Money Profile 2012	Value for money profiles provide benchmarking information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What the police are spending their budgets on;</li> <li>•Staffing levels by grade and function; and</li> <li>•Outputs and outcomes in a comparable format.</li> </ul>	This is not an inspection report but a presentation of financial workforce, demand and performance data, drawing comparisons against other forces considered most similar to Cambridgeshire.
8/7/13	Stop Search	In 2012 and 2013 HMIC carried out an inspection in all 43 police forces of England and Wales to determine the effectiveness and fairness of the police use of their powers to stop and search	This was a largely positive report that acknowledged the work undertaken in this area under the lead of Supt Ixer. The

		<p>people.</p> <p>In each force we considered the policies, procedures, and performance in relation to stop and search, and also reviewed at least 200 search records completed by officers and noted the sort of information gathered by the force on its stop and search record.</p> <p>Cambridgeshire were visited on 24 and 25 January 2013.</p>	<p>recommendations are being progressed through the all stops steering and scrutiny Group, with a follow up report to FEB being presented in 6 months.</p>
18/7/13	Valuing the Police – Response to the Funding Challenge	<p>HMIC’s Valuing the Police Programme has tracked how forces are planning to make savings to meet this budget demand each year since summer 2011. This report identifies what we found in this third year.</p> <p>The inspection focused on three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•How is the force responding to the budget reduction?</li> <li>•What is the impact for the workforce and the public?</li> <li>•How is the force managing current and future risks?</li> </ul>	<p>This was a positive report for the constabulary that identified the progress made against meeting the budget cuts while still protecting the front line. The recommendations are being adopted and delivered through the ongoing work and development of the financial plan for the next 4-5 years.</p>

### Other HMIC Inspections from Nov 2012 – Sept 2013

Date	Inspection Title	Summary	Update
4/6/13	Stop the Drift 2: A Continuing Focus on 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Criminal Justice	In this joint review, HMIC and HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPPI) found that while significant effort has been made in recent years to improve efficiency in both the custody and criminal justice process, there are still a number of issues identified in past reports on this subject which continue to generate delays in processing cases.	The results of this inspection are being progressed and have been incorporated within an action plan for Criminal Justice.
10/6/13	Making the Connections: A thematic inspection of police force compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Ballistics Intelligence Service and Police Forces.	<p>The National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) is the national centre for forensic science, intelligence and knowledge which deals with the illegal use, supply and manufacture of firearms and ammunition. It provides a dedicated forensic service to link crime scenes through the microscopic examination of ballistic items.</p> <p>In early 2013, HMIC carried out an inspection of police force compliance with the 'Memorandum of Understanding between the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) and the Police Forces and Partner Law Enforcement Agencies of England and Wales'.</p> <p>The inspection comprised fieldwork in ten forces.</p>	<p>Cambes were not one of the inspected forces but there are a number of measures that were highlighted within the report that forces need to consider.</p> <p>The recommendations are being progressed under the lead of Supt Ixer and will be delivered via a tri-force Memorandum of Understanding for NABIS with colleagues from Beds, Herts and JPS SSU.</p>

13/6/13	Essex's Police's Approach to Managing Cases of Domestic Violence	<p>In 2013, HMIC inspected the effectiveness of Essex Police's response to criticisms following four domestic murders that took place in the county between 2008 and 2011.</p> <p>Since 2011, Essex Police has taken some important steps to improve the way in which it deals with cases of domestic abuse. We found that the force has established good governance arrangements in relation to the investigation of domestic abuse incidents. The focus is very much on ensuring that risk assessments are completed in a timely fashion, and that no backlogs develop in the processing of cases.</p>	<p>This report was specific to Essex but we have been advised that it will subsequently form the basis for a national inspection of domestic violence later this year.</p> <p>The Home Secretary subsequently laid a Written Ministerial Statement before Parliament on 6 September 2013 commissioning HMIC to conduct a thematic review of the police response to domestic violence and abuse across England and Wales and to report in April 2014. We have been advised that inspection fieldwork will commence in October.</p> <p>An assessment and review of our domestic violence processes is currently being undertaken, using the key recommendations from the Essex inspection, as a baseline.</p>
17/6/13	Crime recording in Kent – A report commissioned by the	In February 2013, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent commissioned HMIC to conduct an inspection to determine whether the people of Kent can have confidence in the force's	While this was a specific inspection to Kent, the report and subsequent recommendations have been

	Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent	crime figures. HMIC reviewed key stages of Kent Police's crime recording process – from initial calls from the public, through to the final resolution of the crime. HMIC also examined the extent to which the culture in Kent had an impact on crime recording practices.	<p>reviewed against current processes within Cams.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the methodology used in this inspection will be adopted in the national crime and data inspection later this year, when all forces will be inspected.</p> <p>As a consequence of this review, an action plan for improvement is being implemented, which is being driven through Force Performance Board.</p>
20/6/13	A criminal use of police cells? The use of police custody as a place of safety for people with mental health needs	<p>The police have powers under section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 to take individuals who are suffering from mental health issues in a public place to a 'place of safety' for their protection, and so they can be medically assessed.</p> <p>This review examines the extent to which police custody is used as a place of safety under section 136; and identifies the factors which either enable or inhibit the acceptance of those detained under section 136 into a preferred place of safety, such as a hospital or other medical facility.</p> <p>The joint inspection was carried out by HMIC, Her Majesty's</p>	The recommendations from this inspection are being progressed through a delivery plan and are monitored via the Mental Health forum. The recommendations from the HMIC report mirror those of Lord Adebawale which are already included in the existing mental health delivery plan.

		Inspectorate of Prisons, the Care Quality Commission and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales.	
27/6/13	A review of progress made against the recommendations in HMIC's 2012 report on the national police units which provide intelligence on criminality associated with protest	In 2010, information about the activities of Mark Kennedy, a police officer working undercover for the NPOIU, led to the collapse of the trial of six people accused of planning to shut down a large power station in Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire. This resulted in HMIC announcing a review of the systems used by the NPOIU to authorise and control the development of intelligence. The final report of this review was published in January 2012 and made recommendations for the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Metropolitan Police Service, and the Office of Surveillance Commissioners.	No relevant recommendations for Cambridgeshire.
12/7/13	Northamptonshire Police Child Protection Arrangements	A series of inspections by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) has found that Northamptonshire Police has more progress to make before it can offer assurance that children at risk in the county are being adequately protected.	This report was specific to Northants but our processed were reviewed against the recommendations and findings in this report.  No specific action plans or changes to current processes were identified as a consequence of this review.