

## RESPONSES BY THE PCC TO HMIC INSPECTIONS OF MERSEYSIDE POLICE

### INSPECTION DETAILS

#### Title of Inspection

Making the Connections. A thematic inspection of police force compliance with the memorandum of understanding between the National Ballistics Intelligence Service and Police Forces.

#### Date Inspection Published

11<sup>th</sup> June 2013

#### Type of Inspection:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merseyside specific | <input type="checkbox"/> National            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thematic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Inspection             |  |

#### Is Merseyside Police quoted:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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#### Recommendations:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> Local |
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#### FORCE RESPONSE:

As part of the thematic inspection, Merseyside Police was one of ten forces to be inspected. Subsequent to the inspection, HMIC noted the 'very proactive' approach taken by the Force and the 'significant resources' dedicated to ensuring the Force's relationship with the National Ballistics Intelligence Service remained an integral part of the Force's strategic approach to firearms related crime.

The national report makes a number of generic recommendations, none of which are specific to Merseyside Police. The Force will consider each recommendation and take the necessary action, where it is appropriate to do so.

**PCC RESPONSE TO THE REPORT:**

The findings contained within this report provide me with independent reassurance that Merseyside Police has a strong relationship with the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) and has demonstrated a commitment to maintaining a strategic approach to firearms related crime.

Although there are no direct recommendations for Merseyside Police, the report does highlight key areas that can be improved in order to comply more effectively with NABIS.

The efforts of Merseyside Police in relation to NABIs can be crucial to identifying, disrupting and bringing to justice those individuals and groups involved in such criminal activity.

I am pleased to see HMIC recognise Merseyside Police's 'proactive' approach to this issue. I am satisfied from the Force response to this inspection that Merseyside Police has considered each recommendation and is taking the necessary action to ensure compliance.

I will monitor progress in relation to the recommendations through my regular meetings with the Chief Constable.



**Jane Kennedy, Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner**

**DATE RESPONSE SENT: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014**

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