

RESPONSES BY THE PCC TO HMIC INSPECTIONS OF MERSEYSIDE POLICE

INSPECTION DETAILS

Title of Inspection

Building the Picture: An inspection of police information management

Date Inspection Published

2nd July 2015

Deadline for Response

13th August 2015

Type of Inspection:

Merseyside specific

National

Follow up

Thematic

Partner Inspection

Is Merseyside Police quoted?

Yes

No

Recommendations?

National

Local

FORCE RESPONSE:

In August 2014, Merseyside Police was one of 13 forces subject to HMIC inspection regarding the management of police information. This followed a self assessment undertaken by all forces at the request of HMIC in September 2013. It's in this context that the national thematic and bespoke force inspection reports were published in July 2015.

It's noted that the Merseyside inspection report does not include any specific recommendations for the Force. However, the national thematic report includes a number of recommendations that are generic to all forces. The Force will consider each of these and undertake an appropriate response, bearing in mind progress already made by the Force since the inspection in August 2014. Progress will be monitored by governance arrangements exercised by the Deputy Chief Constable.

PCC RESPONSE TO THE REPORT:

It is concerning that police forces still have work to do to improve the collection and sharing of information. I am pleased that inspectors recognised the progress made by Merseyside Police. However, it should also be noted that the Force were inspected in August 2014 and developments have been made since this inspection.

Merseyside Police have been quick to improve their processes to ensure that information is protected and provided to the Police National Database. The transfer of records of people in the Home Office Large Major Enquiry System (HOLMES) to the Police National Database (PND) via CORVUS is an example of the good work Merseyside Police are currently undertaking. Merseyside Police is the first Force in the country to introduce this process and as Inspectors identified, this will greatly increase availability of the information on HOLMES amongst staff and officers. This is excellent work and I congratulate all those in Merseyside Police who have contributed to this.

I note the recommendations made in the national report and I am confident that the Deputy Chief Constable will achieve such recommendations.

Jane Kennedy, Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner

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