



# **Joint Audit and Standards Committee - Service Improvement Team HMICFRS Update**

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## Summary

This report outlines the return to inspection activity by HMICFRS, their intended re-visit of Warwickshire Police regarding Investigations. This report will also summarise other elements of interaction which the force have had with HMICFRS since the last report.

## Covid-19 Inspection Activity

HMICFRS have now started to conduct their thematic inspection into the policing response to Covid-19. Warwickshire Police have received and responded to a number of requests for data and documentation which we have duly supplied.

While some forces are being inspected as part of this thematic report Warwickshire Police are not one of these forces. The full report is expected to be published early in the New Year.

## Re-inspection of Investigations Causes for Concern from PEEL 2019

HMICFRS have now confirmed that they will re-attend the force between 16-19<sup>th</sup> November 20 to re-inspect the areas which were a cause for concern at the last inspection. FLL Gary Ashton along with his inspection officer Martin Schorah will spend 2 days conducting telephone interviews with key senior leads. They will then attend the force in person to conduct focus groups and reality testing out at stations. During this time they will also conduct live time reviews of cases with the people they meet at the stations. The force will receive a hot debrief at the end of the inspection week. Preparations are already well under way ensuring that the visit goes as smoothly as possible.

The Force undertook an Assurance Panel led by DCC Richard Moore and attended by the Chief Officer team and senior leads from across the force to gauge our preparedness for the re-visit. Areas covered were digital forensics, disclosure, supervisory oversight of investigations, Bail and Released under Investigation management, Capability and Capacity of officers to investigate, update on the Child Abuse, Trafficking and Exploitation team, Crime allocation model and offender wanted but not on police national computer.

## Future Inspection activity PEEL 2021/2022

HMICFRS have now sent information in relation to the PEEL 2021/2022 inspection programme. This programme will resume in early 2021 and will start with three pilot forces that have already been identified and notified. Warwickshire are not one of these first three forces. The force has also been informed that when the draft inspection timetable is signed off that forces will be informed of this and will know when they are likely to be inspected in the future.

The 2021/2022 question set had already been released, however the force has now received the 'good' criteria descriptions for each of the questions. This now allows us to undertake a period of self-reflection against these criteria and to start to plan for where improvements are required against this new questions set.

## **Force Management Statement and Business Planning**

With the business planning cycle well under way and also planning being conducted with the Evolve 2 team, work on the Force Management Statement is under way. Post the business planning events the Service Improvement Team will begin work on pulling together the responses and bringing them together into a unified document that will be the FMS. The intention is to submit this early in the new year.