

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: Tuesday 6th July 2021

Subject: HMICFRS Update for JASC

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Purpose of the report:

The purpose of this report is to provide the JASC with an updated position around current and planned HMICFRS activity, as well as the release of any recent thematic reports which have resulted in specific recommendations or Areas For Improvement (AFIs) for Warwickshire police.

Recommendation:

For the committee to assess the contents of the report and to understand the impact on the force, in the context of public perception and from the perspective of the forces ability to address these recommendations/AFI.

Background:

HMICFRS is the independent body which assesses the effectiveness and efficiency of police forces and fire & rescue services within England and Wales, with the aim of encouraging improvement. HMICFRS produce reports to allow the public, and peers, to see how forces are performing. This is completed by way of formal PEEL inspections, which assess forces across a range of metrics and provide forces with an appropriate grading, as well as recommendations, Areas for Improvement (AFI) and, where appropriate Causes of Concern (CoC). Additionally, HMICFRS also conduct thematic inspections around a wide range of relevant topic areas and provide forces with national recommendations to drive improvement activity.

Executive summary:

This report provides an update with regards to the following HMICFRS publications and highlights the recommendations and AFI that have been provided to forces, nationally.

The relevant publications are:

- Disproportionate Use of Police Powers: A spotlight on stop and search and use of force.
- Getting the Balance Right: An inspection of how effectively police deal with protests.
- Policing in the Pandemic: The police response to the Coronavirus pandemic and Custody in a Covid-19 environment.
- Hestia's super-complaint on the police response to victim's on modern slavery.

This report highlights the planned self-assessment work in preparation for the next PEEL inspection process, as well as the HMICFRS policing inspection framework for 2021/2022

This report also provides an updated position in relation to the appointment of a new Force Liaison Lead (FLL) for Warwickshire Police.