

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: Tuesday 28th September 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 the current inspection of the force's custody facility, 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 (and joint inspectorate) publications and highlights recommendations that have been provided to forces, nationally.

The relevant publications are:

- Joint Thematic Inspection of the Police and CPS response to Rape (Phase 1 – from Report to No further Action)
- State of Policing 2020
- HMICFRS Publication: A Duty to Protect – Police use of Protective Measures in Cases Involving Violence Against Women and Girls

The report also provides an update with regard to the ongoing inspection of the force's custody facilities. This inspection activity is due for completion on Friday 17th September, with the debrief being conducted on Monday 20th September.