



HERTFORDSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

REPORT ON THE INTEGRITY OF CRIME DATA PUBLISHED BY THE POLICE

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the reports from HMIC and the Deputy Chief Constable on the integrity of police crime data are noted.
- 2 The panel considers how it wishes to monitor progress on this topic

Purpose of report

To allow the panel to monitor work carried out to ensure the public can have assurance in the police crime statistical data that is published.

Background

The panel considered crime statistics issued by the police service at its meeting in November 2013 and this coincided with issues raised nationally about the reliability of some such statistics. The PCC informed the panel that he had commissioned some work from the constabulary to provide reassurance on this topic. The Temporary Deputy Chief Constable reported to the panel at its February meeting on the outcome of the work carried out for the PCC. It was also reported that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary were going to be carrying out some work on the issue, including Hertfordshire Constabulary in its initial work.

The report of HMIC

The final report of HMIC can be found here:

<http://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/wp-content/uploads/crime-data-integrity-hertfordshire-2014.pdf>

The Constabulary has produced a report to the PCC and the PCC has produced this in a separate report to the panel which is attached at appendix A. The PCC will present it and attend the panel to answer questions on it.

The panel may feel it will be helpful to set up a sub-committee of the panel to carry out some work on this topic to allow for regular monitoring in the future and that this sub-committee could usefully carry out a wider role of support and challenge of the PCC in the areas of public engagement, communication with the public and crime reduction.

Financial Legal and Risk implications.

There are no financial or legal implications. The risks are set out in the report.

Background papers

HMIC report available from the link in the report.