

For Consideration	
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CRIME DATA INTEGRITY UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Police and Crime Panel with details of activity undertaken or underway to address areas for improvement in respect of crime data integrity as highlighted via Nottinghamshire's PEEL inspection undertaken by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Service (HMICFRS) in 2022.
- 1.2 This report also sets out the response from the Force and Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) in ensuring that the inspection findings and recommendations are acted upon.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Panel discuss the report and note the progress made.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 For information and assurance purposes, and to enable Police and Crime Panel scrutiny and support of the Commissioner in her oversight of Nottinghamshire Police.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 HMICFRS conducted a Crime Data Integrity (CDI) audit in September 2021 which identified lower than expected levels of incident to crime conversion compliance (86.4%), particularly in relation to violence offences (83.6%). Of the 557 incidents audited, HMICRFS determined that 470 should have been recorded as crimes, whereas Nottinghamshire Police had captured 411. The main areas missed related to behavioural crime, where a course of conduct requires an additional crime to be

recorded in addition to the most serious victim-based crime, and non-injury common assaults, threats, and malicious communications. The force was given an overall grade of ADEQUATE as part of the inspection with twelve key areas being identified for improvement. An overview and update of current progress is shown below.

PROVIDING A SERVICE TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

4.2 The force should audit crime recording on a regular basis and have effective governance and oversight, to fully understand its crime recording performance.

In relation to the Victim Service Assessment, the force has revised its processes, as follows:

- All crime related incidents closed without an occurrence number are reviewed for compliance – missed crimes are recorded in the original Officer in Charge's (OIC's) collar number and allocated back to them with the appropriate reason/learning.
- All targeted incident types – Domestic (crime & non-crime), Stalking, Harassment, Malicious Communications, Violence against the Person (VAP), Sexual Offences and Rape, are reviewed by the team irrespective of whether they have an occurrence number or not. Again, missed crimes are recorded by the team and allocated back to the original OIC.
- All priority non-crime occurrences – Domestic, Hate – are reviewed for accuracy – reclassified where required, with additional crimes also being recorded where required.

4.3 A monthly Missed Crimes report is produced providing a breakdown of offence types missed; Team's summary; and the Record level data which now forms part of the formal Daily Performance Review (DPR) process overseen by the City and County Chief Inspectors.

4.4 The revised processes have led to significant improvements in crime data integrity resulting in many additional crimes being recorded since April 2022 which previously would not have been. A high proportion of these are in the areas missed in the Crime Data Integrity (CDI) audit, such as behavioural crime, non-injury common assault, low level public order and malicious communications, which are predominantly low severity offences.

4.5 The second AFI in this area was that '**The force needs to improve the recording of equality data**'. It was recognised that the force was efficient at collecting data in relation to gender and ethnicity. The force has made a conscious decision to only

ask and record other protected characteristics (PC) data where a person's PC is, or perceived to be, a motivating, aggravating or relevant factor to the crime or incident being reported. There is no policing purpose to routinely collect and retain the extra data as a matter of course.

- 4.6 The Commissioner has scrutinised force activity to address these findings as part of her monthly Accountability Board in addition to her weekly review meetings with the Chief Constable at which matters of organisational, community safety or criminal justice significance are discussed.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 None - this is an information report.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 None – all recommendations of relevance to Force HR are already in practice within Nottinghamshire Police.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There is potential for unconscious bias within vetting decisions, and both local & national inspection reports recommend that more is done within Nottinghamshire Police to monitor and understand any disproportionality.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 . None.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 None directly identified because of this report.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

- 10.1 None which affects the content of this report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 The Chief Constable has been consulted on this report. Nottinghamshire Police are proactively examining the recommendations, providing early assurance that they are committed to driving ongoing improvement.

12. Appendices

None.

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

A) HMICFRS PEEL Inspection 2022 – Nottinghamshire

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