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HMICFRS Inspection Update	
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SUMMARY

Please note that since the last update, in July HMIC extended its remit to include inspection of fire and rescue services in England and so has changed its name to HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), this reference will be used in this and all future reports.

This report provides Members with an overview of activity undertaken within the last reporting period, to your May Sub Committee in response to reports published by HMICFRS. Progress against existing outstanding recommendations and new recommendations received is provided for Members' information (Appendix A) as well as an overview of the Inspection programme.

Reports published

Force Reports -No reports published in the last reporting period.

National Reports -HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSP) and HMICFRS National Report – Making it fair - A joint inspection of the disclosure of unused material in volume Crown Court cases – July '17 (5 recommendations applicable to City of London Police).

HMCPSP and HMICFRS National Report - Living in fear – the police and CPS response to harassment and stalking (4 recommendations applicable to City of London Police but these await direction and an action plan from the NPCC Lead)

Inspections Completed Since Last Report -No inspections have been completed within the force during the last reporting period.

Inspections Due During Next Period- HMICFRS PEEL Effectiveness Inspection – Week commencing 6th November 2017 with an anticipated duration of three days.

Rolling unannounced inspection programmes that could take place in the next reporting period are: Custody; Crime Data Integrity; Child Protection.

Reports Due for Publication -An HMICFRS thematic inspection report on Modern Slavery (the policing response to implementation of the Modern Slavery Act 2015) is due imminently.

HMICFRS PEEL Efficiency & Legitimacy Inspection Report (national and force) are expected in October '17, although this has not been announced by HMICFRS.

A national and force report for an assessment of progress made in respect of improving the capability and capacity for mitigating the Abuse of Position for Sexual Purposes is due to be published in early Autumn 2017 and will be

separate and additional to PEEL Legitimacy reports.

HMIC Recommendations Overview

This report details progress against the recommendations from all live inspection action plans and these are summarised in the table below and fully within Appendix A. HMICFRS did not set deadlines for many of these recommendations, so the force has set itself some challenging targets to drive forward and deliver improvements. There are currently 24 outstanding recommendations, a decrease of 13 from the 37 outstanding recommendations reported in May '17. As requested at your last Sub Committee, where possible, where a recommendation is shown as RED as it has passed its due date, a projected date for finalisation has been included in the update in the Appendix where feasible.

Report	Number of open recommendations and status
HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSI) and HMICFRS National Report – Making it fair (July '17)	NEW - 5 Amber
HMCPSI and HMICFRS National Report - Living in fear (July '17)	NEW - 4 White
PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2016 – National	2 - NEW Green 1 - NEW White
PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2016 – CoLP	6 - NEW Green 7 - Amber
Best Use of Stop & Search Scheme Revisit	3 - Reds
PEEL: Police Leadership 2016 - CoLP	1 - NEW Green - COMPLETE 1 - Green
PEEL: Police Legitimacy 2016 – National	1 - NEW Green 1 - Amber
PEEL: Police Legitimacy 2016 - CoLP	1 - Amber 2 - Reds
PEEL: Police Efficiency 2016 – CoLP	4 - NEW Green 1 - Red
The tri-service review of joint emergency services interoperability principles	2 Reds
PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2015 – CoLP	1 - NEW Green - COMPLETE
PEEL: Police Efficiency 2015 - CoLP	1 - Red
In harm's way: The role of the police in keeping children safe	1 - Red
Recommendation Summary	Number
NEW Green	16 (+ 1 Green)
Amber	9
Red	10
White	5
Total Amber/Red/White Recommendations	24

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to receive and note the contents of this report.

Main Report

1. This report provides Members with an overview of the City of London Police response to HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) continuing programme of inspections and published reports. Since the last report to your Sub Committee there have been two new reports published that impact on the Force. Progress with existing recommendations as well as detail of the current inspection programme is provided below for your reference.

NEW REPORTS

HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSI) and HMICFRS National Report – Making it fair - A joint inspection of the disclosure of unused material in volume Crown Court cases – July '17

2. Making it fair - A joint inspection of the disclosure of unused material in volume Crown Court cases identified a number of aspects of concern in the way Crown Court trials are handled by the prosecution and how police and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) effectively manage unused material relating to 'volume' casework.
3. This national report made 9 recommendations in total of which 5 are applicable to the Force. These recommendations have been drafted into an action plan by Strategic Development and the Head of the Administration of Justice Unit has been nominated as the plan owner for delivery.
4. The first recommendation requires the force and CPS to correctly identify disclosure issues relating to unused material at the charging stage.
5. The second relevant recommendation requires the force to improve the supervision of case files, with regard to the handling of unused material.
6. The third recommendation requires the force to have a dedicated disclosure champion with sufficient seniority to ensure they are able to work closely with the CPS Area Disclosure Champions.
7. The fourth recommendation requires the force within a 12 month period to review digital case management systems to ensure all digital unused material is stored within one central location on the CPS system and one disclosure recording document is available to prosecutors in the same location.
8. The fifth recommendation requires the force within a six month period to establish effective communication channels between the force and CPS.
9. Full details of all the recommendations actions are contained within Appendix A.

HMICFRS & HMCPSI National Report – Living in fear – the police and CPS response to harassment and stalking – July ‘17

10. This is the first time that HMICFRS and HMCPSI have inspected and reported on the police service's and Crown Prosecution Service's approach to tackling crimes of harassment and stalking.
11. The report is seen as a catalyst for change and improvements that will lead to improved services to victims and acknowledges the fact that in some cases victims' lives will depend on this change.
12. The national report makes 22 recommendations of which four are applicable to the force. However, the force awaits direction from the NPCC Lead who has taken responsibility nationally to set a timetable and develop a joint action plan with the CPS. In the meantime the force has taken a proactive approach and ensured that the lead responsible officer from public protection is aware of the recommendations whilst the NPCC takes action.

INSPECTIONS UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST REPORT

13. No inspections have been completed within the force during the last reporting period.
14. In June '17 HMICFRS undertook a crime file review that forms part of the 2017 HMICFRS PEEL effectiveness inspection. In July '17 the main data and document returns were submitted to support the main PEEL Effectiveness inspection, which has now been confirmed for week commencing Monday 6th November 2017 and is expected to last approximately three days.
15. HMICFRS have indicated that they will now be taking a more risk based approach to the next PEEL Inspection and under this approach a force may not be assessed against one or more of the five core questions that make up the overall effectiveness assessment. For forces which are not reassessed on a particular question, judgements will be 'carried over' from the previous year. For 2017 City of London Police will be assessed against 4 of the core question sets with the question set relating to effectiveness of investigating crime and reducing re-offending being excluded for which a judgement grading of Good was received in 2016. .

INSPECTIONS DUE DURING NEXT PERIOD

16. HMICFRS PEEL Effectiveness Inspection is scheduled for week commencing 6th November 2017 with an anticipated duration of three days.
17. Rolling unannounced inspection programmes that could take place in the next period are: Custody; Crime Data Integrity; Child Protection.

CURRENT STATUS OF HMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

18. There were 12 HMICFRS reports being managed by the Force during the reporting period of which 2 have now been completed with 2 new reports recently added. The current status of recommendations is summarised in the table below with full details contained in Appendix A.
19. HMICFRS have not set deadlines for many of these recommendations, so the force has set itself some challenging targets to drive forward and deliver improvements. There are currently 24 outstanding recommendations, a decrease of 13 from the 37 outstanding recommendations reported in May '17.

Current Status of HMIC Recommendations Summary

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Appendix A: Full list of HMIC Recommendations currently being implemented within Force.

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