

HMIC INSPECTION OF BURGLARY DWELLING INVESTIGATIONS IN CHESHIRE

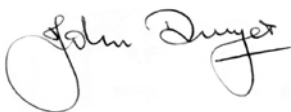
I refer to the report *Cheshire Constabulary: Review of Burglary Dwelling Investigations* published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary on 3 April 2014, reviewing the Constabulary's burglary dwelling investigations. I have considered this report and have discussed the recommendations with the Chief Constable.

I commissioned HMIC to undertake this review to address my concerns about the number of burglaries which were being detected by the Constabulary. The Constabulary rose to the challenge and the number of detections for burglary has improved.

I welcome the findings of this report and the recognition that my plans are having an impact, and the recognition that staff throughout the organisation are committed to tackling burglary. I am also pleased to see acknowledgement of good practice and local leadership included in the report.

The work being done by the Constabulary is having a positive impact because crime is at its lowest levels since the early 90s. Even though crime is at its lowest levels doesn't mean it has ceased to exist. When it does occur, I want to ensure that the Constabulary and victim services are putting the victim at the centre of policing, providing a wraparound service giving the right help and support at the appropriate time.

I have noted the recommendations provided by the inspectors and will hold the Chief Constable to account for addressing them through an action plan which is being developed by the Constabulary.



John Dwyer
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