

**HMIC INSPECTION: CRIME RECORDING: A MATTER OF FACT: AN INTERIM REPORT OF
THE INSPECTION OF CRIME DATA INTEGRITY IN POLICE FORCES IN ENGLAND AND
WALES**

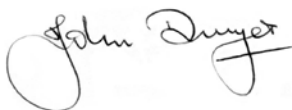
I refer to the interim report *Crime Recording: A Matter of Fact: An Interim Report of the Inspection of Crime Data Integrity in Police Forces in England and Wales* published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary on 1 May 2014, as part of the on-going programme of inspections looking at crime recording standards and data integrity. I have considered this report and have discussed it with the Chief Constable.

Cheshire Constabulary is committed to supporting victims and to accurate data recording.

This commitment is supported by a robust and intrusive audit programme. Last month, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable received a commissioned report from independent auditors into incident and crime reporting, which stated that "the Commissioner and Chief Constable can take substantial assurance that the controls upon which the organisation relies to manage this area are suitably designed, consistently applied, and effective."

The reviews that have taken place gave myself and the Chief Constable assurance that the processes in place are suitably designed, consistently applied and effective. The data contained in this report does not give this level of assurance, which causes us concern. We are working to understanding why this is and will then assess what might be needed to make the administrative process even more robust.

I await the publication of the Cheshire and national reports and I will continue to work with the Constabulary to ensure the highest standards of crime recording are adhered to in Cheshire.



John Dwyer
Police & Crime Commissioner