

HMIC INSPECTION OF THE STRATEGIC POLICING REQUIREMENT: AN INSPECTION OF HOW POLICE FORCES IN ENGLAND AND WALES DEAL WITH THREATS TO PUBLIC ORDER

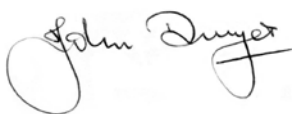
I refer to the report *The Strategic Policing Requirement: An Inspection of how Police Forces in England and Wales deal with Threats to Public Order* published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary on 12 June 2014, reviewing the national response to the Government's Strategic Policing Requirements, with specific regard to public order. I have considered this report and have discussed it with the Constabulary.

I note that Inspectors felt that the public order response was the most developed of the SPR stands inspected and that there is sufficient resource to meet the National Policing Requirement for England and Wales.

I have established arrangements in Cheshire whereby my Deputy reviews regularly the Constabulary response in relation to the threats contained within the SPR. I also receive an annual assessment from the Chief Constable on the Constabulary's level of compliance with the SPR. The Constabulary's Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment is also reviewed on an annual basis and I consider it as part of the annual planning process. I remain committed to ensuring that the Constabulary has arrangements in place to respond to the threats to national security and public safety identified in the SPR.

I am satisfied that Cheshire is able to meet both local and national public order requirements and note that female under representation remains an issue. I am pleased to confirm that all public order equipment in Cheshire is purchased via the North-West Framework to ensure consistency across the region and that the Constabulary meet all national training standards as advocated in the report.

I look forward to receipt of the Cheshire SPR report and any recommendations that this might contain.



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