

**HMIC INSPECTION: CRIME DATA INTEGRITY: INSPECTION OF CHESHIRE
CONSTABULARY**

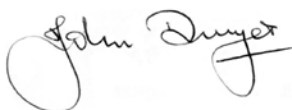
I refer to the report *Crime Data Integrity: Inspection of Cheshire Constabulary* published by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary on 28 August 2014, as part of the on-going programme of inspections looking at crime recording standards and data integrity. I have considered this report and have discussed it with the Chief Constable.

Following an internal review Cheshire Constabulary are taking steps to address the main recommendations highlighted within the report.

The Chief Constable and I recognise that there may have been issues in the administration of certain types of crime, specifically violence and sexual offences where the details of the crime can often be complex which can make the recording of the crime complicated. The Constabulary have reviewed the crimes incorrectly classified to ensure thorough investigations have taken place and their classifications have now been changed. It is important to stress that the questions raised by Her Majesty's Inspectors related to the administration process of recording the crimes, not the investigations into them.

The Constabulary has now amended its processes to ensure crimes are being recorded in accordance with the national requirements, with greater oversight by the Crime Registrar.

I am committed to ensuring that victims are at the heart of policing and I am assured that when the Constabulary receives a call for help, that call is assessed and an appropriate response provided, with victims receiving the help and support they need. I will hold the Chief Constable to account for implementing the recommendations contained in the report to ensure compliance with national standards and to promote a victim centred approach to crime recording.



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