

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE JOINT INSPECTION: HER  
MAJESTY'S CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE  
INSPECTORATE AND HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE  
OF CONSTABULARY AND FIRE AND RESCUE  
SERVICES**



**JOINT INSPECTION OF THE HANDLING OF CASES INVOLVING DISABILITY  
HATE CRIME**

**RESPONSE OF DAVID KEANE, POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
CHESHIRE**

I welcome Her Majesty's Inspectors' report, published 9 October 2018, which reviews the progress made since the joint inspection *Living in a Different World*, published 2013 and updated 2015.

It is positive that Inspectors have highlighted significant improvements to the way cases have been handled, albeit with recommendations for further improvements. It is satisfying that the Cheshire opt out approach to victim support is recognised as providing a more robust method of supporting victims.

I will be requesting an update in due course on the issues that the Inspectors recommend be addressed with the Acting Chief Constable. I was concerned by the results of the earlier HMICFRS Hate Crime report and I have spent the summer talking to victims of hate crime and encouraging them to share their experiences with me. I will be using the results of the consultation to provide additional feedback to the Constabulary so they can improve their service to the local community and also to further inform my own commissioning decisions to ensure that support is provided to those who need it. In addition to this the Constabulary hold regular Hate Crime Scrutiny Panels which ensure that hate crime in the county is specifically monitored and that all victims of hate crime are supported appropriately. A member of my Office attends this and briefs me as appropriate.

I take hate crime very seriously, it is especially heinous as it targets its victims at the heart of who they are; no one should be targeted for being themselves.



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