



## **Police and Crime Commissioner Response to HMICFRS report on:**

### **Cyber: Keep the light on – An inspection of the police response to cyber-dependent crime**

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#### **Background**

In early 2019, the Home Secretary commissioned HMICFRS to inspect the effectiveness and efficiency of the police response to cyber-dependent crime. The Inspection took place between April and June 2019 in 10 forces, in addition to 3 law enforcement agencies (National Crime Agency, Action Fraud, and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) and 9 regional organised crime units.

Thames Valley Police was not one of the 10 forces inspected (although Thames Valley are the lead force in the South East Regional Crime Unit).

Overall, the Inspectorate found that the police response to cyber-dependent crime is generally good, but it can be inconsistent.

#### **Next steps for Thames Valley Police**

The report includes one recommendation (focused across a range of government level departments) and four areas for improvement (AFIs).

I welcome this report on the ever growing threat of cyber-enabled crime. Thames Valley Police continues to address cyber crime and work at both local and national levels to reduce the threat, reduce vulnerabilities and support victims.