



Police and Crime Commissioner Response to HMICFRS report on:

Crime Data Integrity Inspection 2017

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HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has graded Thames Valley Police as 'Inadequate' following its Crime Data Integrity inspection of 2017

The Chief Constable presented the Force's response to this report at the PCC's public facing meeting (Level 1) on 29 March 2018.

Commenting on the report's findings, Matthew Barber, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, said:

"I am disappointed with the findings of the HMICFRS Thames Valley Police Crime Data Integrity report. Clearly, there is work that needs to be done by Thames Valley Police to improve the level and accuracy of crime recording. The public need to feel confident that the police are providing an accurate picture of crime and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and I will be closely monitoring the progress of the Force in addressing these issues and holding the Chief Constable to account in responding to the recommendations.

"It's vital that victims feel assured that on reporting a crime, they will be supported appropriately and I will be seeking reassurance from the Force that the way in which crime has been recorded by Thames Valley Police has not had an impact on the level of service victims receive. The PCC and I will be monitoring improvements by the Force to ensure victims are being offered the support they are entitled to and deserve.

"The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner continues to work to provide support for victims of crime through 'Victims First'. The PCC funds services offering emotional and practical support to all victims and witnesses of crime who require additional help and any victim of crime can receive support through Victims First regardless of whether or not they choose to report the crime to the Police".

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Editor's notes

Victims First' is the overarching title for all the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) work in providing support, increasing accessibility and improving services for victims of crime across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Visit www.victims-first.org.uk for further information and to access support.

For a copy of the full inspection findings, visit the HMICFRS link here <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/publications/thames-valley-police-crime-data-integrity-inspection-2017/>