



Police and Crime Commissioner Response to HMICFRS report on:

Joint targeted area inspection of the multi-agency response to children's mental health in Milton Keynes

Link to HMICFRS report - [click here](#)

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Background

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) conducted a joint inspection in Milton Keynes between 14 and 18 October 2019 alongside Ofsted (the lead inspectorate in this instance), the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and HMI Probation (HMIP). The inspection looked at the multi-agency response to children's mental health including the 'front door' of services and a 'deep dive' focus on the response to those subject to Child-in-Need and Child Protection Plans, and children in care who are living with mental ill health.

This inspection was the first joint targeted area of inspection (JTAI) to take place in Milton Keynes.

Next steps

The report contains 33 areas for improvement (AFIs) of which 5 AFIs are for the police. Having considered the force's response, I welcome the findings of HMICFRS and their recognition of the work undertaken in partnership with other agencies in Milton Keynes to effectively respond to children's mental health.

I am satisfied that the findings of the inspection report have been thoroughly reviewed by the partnership, Local Police Area and Protecting Vulnerable People department. The identified areas for improvement are acknowledged and accepted, with plans under development to address them. These will be managed and monitored through the respective Senior Management Teams of Thames Valley Police.

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