

Hampshire Constabulary, Crime Data Integrity inspection 2018

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Inspection outcome: Requires improvement

It is important to acknowledge the significant progress Hampshire Constabulary has made in crime recording since 2014 in implementing recommendations set out in the 2014 HMIC report. Whilst there are still areas for improvement in the accuracy of crime recording, the report shows that victims can have confidence that they will be taken seriously and that the crime will be investigated.

HMICFRS recognise the concerted efforts being made by the force stating “*It is really good to see how hard the force has worked to ensure that crime is recorded far more accurately now, and the force is to be commended for these efforts*” The nature of crime recording rules are challenging and complex, and therefore it is crucial that officers and staff are afforded regular opportunities to refresh their understanding, especially as rules are being updated and changed.

Areas for improvement include improved supervision of crime-recording decisions, improved accuracy of crime cancellation decisions and ensuring that all victims who should have been told about the transfer or cancellation of their crimes are kept informed of those decisions. The Police and Crime Commissioner will continue to monitor the Constabulary’s performance in this area, in particular the implementation of the recommendations made by HMICFRS.

We urge anyone who has become a victim of crime to report it, as only then can police and community safety partners provide help and support, and direct resources within our communities to where the demand is to help keep our communities safer.

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¹ <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/publications/hampshire-constabulary-crime-data-integrity-inspection-2018/>