**CUMBRIA OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

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**Media Release: PCC Response to HMICFRS Police Effectiveness Report**

Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall welcomes HMICFRS report into police effectiveness, where Cumbria Constabulary has been rated ‘good’ in all aspects of the assessment.

As part of its annual PEEL inspection, HMICFRS’s Effectiveness programme, inspectors assessed Cumbria Constabulary’s performance in the following areas: Preventing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour; investigating crime and reducing re-offending ; protecting vulnerable people; tackling serious and organised crime. In all areas, they were deemed as ‘good’.

Commenting on the results of the inspection, Cumbria’s Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall said:

“I am delighted with the HMICFRS assessment of Cumbria Constabulary who have been judged to be ‘good’ in all four key areas. This is a great achievement, and I would like to publicly thank all officers, staff and volunteers for their efforts. These reports are important as they enable me to be assured on behalf of the people of Cumbria that our Police Force is performing well, as judged by the independent National Inspectorate.

“I believe that the Report is a true reflection of the hard work that has gone into not only maintaining the high standards recognised in last year’s inspection, but also in the progress that has been made in a number of areas. For instance, the Force has made improvements in the area of protecting vulnerable people, and this has rightly been recognised.

“Going forward, I will continue to hold the Constabulary to account in all areas of their performance at my regular Public Accountability Conferences, there is always more to do. Meanwhile I acknowledge the hard work, professionalism and commitment demonstrated by staff across all areas of the organisation, they all do a fantastic job on our behalf.”

Temporary Chief Constable Michelle Skeer, Cumbria Constabulary, said:

“I welcome the positive findings from the latest HMICFRS report into police effectiveness. I am incredibly pleased to be graded as ’Good’ in all four areas: preventing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour, investigating crime and reducing re-offending, protecting vulnerable people and tackling serious and organised crime.

“Over the past twelve months we have strived to refine processes, systems and partnership working to improve our efficiency. Our priority has been to keep people safe and protect those who are most vulnerable in our communities and I am pleased this work has been recognised.

“We pride ourselves on being an organisation who cares about our community and endeavours to understand its diverse needs. All our officers, staff and volunteers work hard to provide a quality service to the public, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them - they are a credit to the force. As a result of their hard work, I am pleased to quote HMIC when they say that Cumbria Constabulary is “good at protecting the public and reducing crime”.

“As positive as this report is we are far from complacent. We will continue to learn, and develop the ways in which we work to further improve our service to the public and keep Cumbria safe.”

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Editors Notes

Interviews

Mr McCall will be available for interview today (under embargo) or tomorrow. Please contact Linda McGinley to arrange.

T/ACC Andy Slattery will be available for interview today (under embargo).

Please contact the Constabulary Press office to arrange.