Cumbria Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

**Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) response to inspections of Cumbria Constabulary published by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS)**

*Section 33 of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by section 37 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017) requires local policing bodies to respond to recommendations in inspectors reports within 56 days.*

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| **Inspection Title:** | State of Policing: The Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales 2020 |
| **Date Published:** | 21/07/2021 |
| **Type of Inspection:** | National Inspection |
| **Key Findings** | |
| This is Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary’s report to the Secretary of State under Section 54(4A) of the Police Act 1996. It contains his assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of policing in England and Wales based on the inspections we carried out between March 2020 and March 2021. | |
| **Recommendations:** | |
| No recommendations made. | |
| **PCC & Chief Constable Response to Report and Recommendation:** | |
| The Police & Crime Commissioner welcomes the report from HMICFRS. “I am pleased to find that the report recognises the challenges and pressures the Police Service is facing in these unprecedented times. The report has also highlighted the changes in crime types during the pandemic and since coming out of the lockdowns.  “I continue to have weekly dialogues with the Chief Constable to discuss the challenges arising from Covid 19 and the Constabulary’s response to the everchanging landscape of the pandemic. We are committed to maintaining a police service which continues to adapt and remain flexible to respond to the pandemic whilst safeguarding and protecting victims of crime and ensure offenders are dealt with appropriately.”  “I have published my new Police and Crime Plan which sets outs how I will continue to work with the Constabulary and other partners to keep Cumbria safe. This supports many of the areas on-going priorities in the report including preventing crime, protecting and supporting people vulnerable to abuse and exploitation and working in partnership with other public services.  The Chief Constable said “The 2020 Annual State of Policing highlighted some concerning forecasts which have been accurate in their realisation, not least the increase in vulnerability; increased complexity in crime; and the ongoing challenges from the holistic Criminal Justice System which continue to date. These challenges amongst many others have been met by our professional and dedicated officers and staff, however the pressure has certainly not abated. We continue to develop our own processes and structures, upskill and enhance officer knowledge and experience, and make every effort to identify and prioritise high threat and risk areas of business, including the early identification of vulnerability and multi-agency response to safeguarding and protecting the most vulnerable people from criminality to achieve our vision of providing an outstanding policing service to keep Cumbria safe” | |