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:** | A shared confidence: A Summary of how law enforcement agencies use sensitive intelligence |
| **Date Published:** | 29/07/2021 |
| **Type of Inspection:** | National Inspection |
| **Key Findings** | |
| In this inspection we examined how effectively and efficiently UK law enforcement uses sensitive intelligence in the fight against serious and organised crime (SOC).  We looked at:   * Policies, structures and processes; * Technology * Training, learning and culture; and * Effective use and evaluation of sensitive intelligence   We make 14 recommendations aimed at improving the effectiveness of sensitive intelligence in tackling SOC. | |
| **Recommendations:** | |
| 1. [A shared confidence: A summary of how law enforcement agencies use sensitive intelligence - HMICFRS (justiceinspectorates.gov.uk)](https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/publications/summary-of-how-law-enforcement-agencies-use-sensitive-intelligence/) all recommendations are for the NPCC and NCA | |
| **PCC & Chief Constable Response to Report and Recommendation:** | |
| The Police & Crime Commissioner welcomes the report from Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) “A shared confidence: A summary of how law enforcement agencies use sensitive intelligence”  The Police & Crime Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to look to improve the efficiencies around policies, structures, and processes in connection with how Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) is managed within the Constabulary. Serious and Organised Crime must be approached in partnership with other Law Enforcement agencies so that sensitive intelligence can be shared in a safe and secure environment. Joint information and shared IT services and technological ideas are welcomed by the Police & Crime Commissioner, and he will endeavour to work with our Chief Constable to engage in any recommendations and opportunities available.  Cumbria Constabulary continues to work to tackle serious organised crime in the county. The M6 motorway runs through the eastern side of the county, which encourages more Organised Crime Groups access to the area. The Constabulary will look to maximise visibility and capability of their workforce, to reduce the impact of crime facilitated by the OCGs.  The PCC and Chief Constable have regular meetings to discuss ongoing investigations and ways to combat the problem in Cumbria. | |