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:** | #22090 State of Policing: The Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales 2021 |
| **Date Published:** | 10th March 2022 |
| **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 April and November 2021.  This report draws on findings from inspections of police forces in England and Wales, to provide an overall view of the state of policing. | |
| **Recommendations:** | |
| 1. #22083 – Recommendation 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 April and November 2021.   This report draws on findings from inspections of police forces in England and Wales, to provide an overall view of the state of policing. | |
| **PCC & Chief Constable Response to Report and Recommendation:** | |
| The Police and Crime Commissioner welcomes the report from HMICFRS. “I have found the findings from inspections of police forces in England and Wales very interesting. Within the report there is the acknowledgement of the number of changes in policing, both in its institutions and forces’ performance.”  “As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria I appreciate this acknowledgement and continually meet on a weekly basis with our Chief Constable to discuss the challenges the Constabulary faces. Both within the Constabulary from Institutional change and around the challenges the Constabulary faces around the various criminal demands they have to deal with. We will also look to continue to safeguard and protect victims of crime and ensure offenders are dealt with appropriately.”  “My recent Police and Crime Plan highlights how I will be working together with the Chief Constable and partner agencies to keep Cumbria safe.”  “However, as mentioned in the report “State of Policing 2021” there are still some areas for improvement and we will continue to look to improve the performance of the Constabulary, by holding the Chief Constable to account on issues of concern. This includes identifying and overcoming risks of Violence Against Women and Girls, reducing ASB in our areas, preventing offending and reducing reoffending of offenders, increasing the number of Police Officers and PCSO’s out on our streets by creating a visible police presence and looking at the focus on crime and the causes of crime.”  “The Constabulary has worked tirelessly through the recent pandemic and has provided a robust structure to deal with the pandemic, although at times it has been resource intensive, as we move forward the lessons, we have learned in the last two years will enhance the flexibility and resilience of the Force.” | |