

HMIC Report – Revisiting Police relationships/Integrity

Comment from Sir Clive

Police and Crime Commissioner Sir Clive Loader's response to HMIC report on Revisiting police relationships/integrity said:

"I am pleased to see that Leicestershire Police has taken action on integrity issues and I note that there is further work to be done in this area. I will continue to monitor the actions of the Force with regards potential integrity issues, and to hold the Chief Constable to account for the progress of work in this area."

Force Response

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Leicestershire Police has welcomed the findings of a re-inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) into integrity issues, which has been released today.

In 2011, the Home Secretary asked HMIC to look at "instances of undue influence, inappropriate contractual arrangements and other abuses of power in police relationships with the media and other parties".

This resulted in the report, Without Fear or Favour, which made a number of recommendations to police forces nationwide in respect of issues such as interactions with the media, the use of social media and what second jobs are suitable for officers and staff.

In 2012 HMIC revisited all forces to track progress against these recommendations, the results of which have been released this morning.

Simon Edens, Deputy Chief Constable of Leicestershire Police, said:

"At a time of great scrutiny for the Police Service, Leicestershire Police welcomes this re-inspection report. Our duty is to protect our communities. We depend on the consent of the public to fulfil that duty. We need public trust to secure that consent.

"The Force expects the highest standard of conduct from its officers and staff, both when carrying out their duties and in their personal lives and we have governance arrangements in place to ensure standards and ethics are maintained.

"Additionally, the Force continues to respond to the December 2011 HMIC national thematic inspection 'Without Fear or Favour'. We are developing systems to ensure risks arising from relationships, information, disclosure, gratuities, hospitality, contracting and secondary employment are all monitored and managed appropriately.

"We will, of course, consider and take forward the recommendations in this latest report, as appropriate."