

Agenda Item 8

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE
4th September 2024

HMICFRS Update

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members of the Committee with oversight of HMICFRS Inspection activity and recommendations

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the 2023 PEEL Inspection HMICFRS placed WMP into Engage status due to the identification of 4 Causes of Concern. The final report was published 22nd December 2023. On Monday 22nd July WMP received written notification from HMICFRS that the 3 Causes of Concern relating to OCSET / SOMS / MARAC had been closed. This was as a result of re-visit activity that the Inspectorate had undertaken during May and June 2024 which had highlighted sustained improvements in the force's performance in these three areas.
- 2.2 This has left WMP with one remaining Cause of Concern for Investigations. We are due to be re-inspected for this in early September 2024.
- 2.3 CC Guildford continues to present our progress at the Police Performance Oversight Group (chaired by HMI Cooke) with the next PPOG scheduled for 17th September 2024.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS, CAUSES OF CONCERN and AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- 3.1 Since the last JAC there have been no reports published resulting in recommendations for WMP.
- 3.2 The force continues to concentrate its efforts upon our cause of concern and outstanding recommendations and AFI's held on the HMICFRS portal under the direction of our DCC through his HMIC Oversight Board which is held on a monthly basis.
- 3.3 In relation to the 4 x Causes of Concern, 23 x Recommendations and 17 AFI's received during our PEEL 2023/2025 report we have submitted the following for closure to date;

3 x Causes of Concern
18 recommendations
10 AFI's

Progress continues in the remaining areas

Total submissions for closure since change of HMIC process (August 2023) across all portfolios:

Closed (since Aug 2023)	Total Number submitted
AF1 Lv3	13
AF1 Lv2	11
Recommendation Lv4	18
Recommendation Lv3	34
Recommendation Lv2	90
Total	166 (+47)

4 INSPECTION ACTIVITY

4.1 There has been no inspection activity since the last JAC

4.2 Forthcoming inspection activity

- i) **2nd – 6th Sept 2024** – Case File Review. HMICFRS will select 100 investigations that were opened between 1st April and 31st May 2024 to review using the same methodology as per PEEL inspection.
- ii) **9th – 13th Sept 2024** – HMICFRS will then follow the case file review up with fieldwork activity across the force

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