

To: Cambridgeshire Police Authority
From: Chief Constable
Date: 7th April 2010

POLICE REPORT CARD

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Police Authority with the outcome from the recently published Police Report Card.

2. Background

- 2.1 The first national Police Report Card, which assesses Police Forces on four domains, was published by the HMIC on 11th March 2010. The report was focussed on four domains, which are outlined below.

3. Matters to Note

- 3.1 The full document is available from the HMIC website or at www.mypolice.org.uk. Appended to this paper is the Report Card summary and the document which shows the grades across all Police Forces.
- 3.2 The four domains assessed were:
- Local Crime and Policing
 - Protection from Serious Harm
 - Confidence and Satisfaction
 - Value For Money
- 3.3 The Constabulary was graded at 'Fair' for the first three domains, while the Value for Money domain is not being graded at this time. This means that 'performance is variable but meets most of the requirements of the standard. Remedial action may be needed'.
- 3.4 The domain grades are an amalgamation of numerical performance indicator performance and HMIC inspection grades (for example the 2009 Pledge inspection). The only area the Constabulary received a 'poor' grade was for Solving Crime which is a mix of detection rates for serious acquisitive crime and violence with injury. The data used for this grade is up to March 2009 (recorded crime data is up to September 2009) which is very out-of-date. However, the Constabulary will be developing an end-of-year performance assessment for 2009/2010 to provide a more appropriate assessment of our performance and this will be communicated both internally and externally.

3.5 The Constabulary was praised in Police Report Card assessment for the way it tackled serious crime - and pledged to continue providing high performance and value for money.

3.6 The assessment, from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), singled the force out for doing well in:

- Tackling serious sexual crime
- Acting swiftly to deal with anti-social behaviour
- Working to improve satisfaction among ethnic minority communities
- Suppressing gun crime
- Becoming a national leader in tackling human trafficking

3.7 In her overall assessment, HMI Zoe Billingham said the cost of policing in Cambridgeshire was low with one of the "lowest numbers of Police Officers and staff relative to its population than anywhere else in the country" - but where overall crime was falling.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Police Authority are invited to note the contents of the report.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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