

Memorandum

To: Chair (and members) Audit & Risk Committee
From: Sam
Subject: Further notes on HMIC inspection proposals
Date: 30.05.14

Dear Brian

Re: Further notes on HMIC inspection proposals - item 11.2

Since my paper was circulated we have had a very helpful briefing from our HMIC liaison team which has put a bit more flesh on the bones on what we had gleaned from HMIC's 2014-15 inspection plan. It seems that things are very much 'in flux' at HMIC and new information on the detail of the forthcoming inspection programme is emerging almost daily - the notes that follow reflect their current understanding and their advice on how we get best value from our budget for 2014-15.

The key changes I would recommend following this discussion are our involvement in PEEL cycle 1 and the associated Valuing to Police (VtP) cycle 4; all offered for debate in the meeting.

If it helps I can come in and speak to my paper and/or brief you ahead of the meeting. I'll get Lawrence to push this note to iPads in the interim.

Sam.

Inspection Title	Description	Comments/ recommendations	Further update from HMIC liaison meeting 27.05.14
Valuing the Police (VtP) 4	Part of the rolling programme of VtP inspections in which BTP has previously engaged	HMIC has stated that BTP has not yet been included in phase 4 as VtP3 was only recent finalised. Could be in August if required – recommended – timing tbc.	<i>HMIC has explained that the VtP inspection will form the first of 3 strands of the forthcoming PEEL¹ assessments. See further notes re the options for the timing of BTP/A's engagement in PEEL below.</i>
Crime Data Integrity (CDI)	Inspection will include HMIC's assessment of the accuracy of crime recording through the various routes that crimes can be reported to the police (such as through calls to control rooms, referrals to specialist investigation departments from other public bodies or directly to officers). The initial findings from phase 1 were published in an interim report, at the end of April 2014.	HMIC has stated that BTP could be added to the end of phase 4 in August if required – recommended.	<i>Will form strand 2 of 3 of PEEL. This is an important inspection for us regardless of the timing of our inclusion in PEEL.</i>
Police Integrity and Corruption (PIC)	Inspection will look at the anti-corruption capability of forces, including Professional Standards Departments and will include the capability of forces to gather regular intelligence on corruption matters. This is a follow-up to a previous inspection.	If BTP wants to be included, HMIC has offered the dates of 25/26/27 June or 16/17/18 July- recommended.	<i>Will form strand 3 of 3 of PEEL. Again, this is an important inspection for us regardless of the timing of our inclusion in PEEL.</i>
Mistakes Were Made	Follow-up to the inspection undertaken in 2013 – BTP provided documentation only.		<i>No indication from HMIC that BTP is likely to be approached.</i>

¹ Police Efficiency Effectiveness and Legitimacy assessments

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Stop and Search	Follow-up inspection	BTP was inspected as part of the original inspection in November 2012; therefore it is expected that BTP will be included as part of the follow-up inspection - recommended.	<i>This is now likely to be a risk based rather than 'all force' inspection and will look beyond 'street searches' to include use of a range of powers including searches in custody. HMIC would recommend BTP's inclusion given historic levels of use of the power.</i>
Protecting vulnerable people programme: missing and groomed children	Inspection will provide an assessment of forces effectiveness in their leadership, strategies, management, staff training and support, compliance and governance	We may wish to consider this inspection once more detail has been released	<i>Likely to be a risk based rather than 'all force' inspection – BTP is unlikely to be part of their priority sample. HMIC recommends that BTP/A reviews the initial report and if it identifies issues of interest a further discussion could take place about commissioning any inspection activity.</i>
Police management of information	HMIC will undertake an audit to provide assurances that information is being managed consistently	Recommend revisiting this once the initial report is published	<i>As above</i>
Police National Database audit	HMIC will audit the PND to provide assurances that information is being managed in a consistent fashion and in accordance with the relevant information standards.	For discussion.	<i>As above</i>
Use of the Police National Computer by non-police organisations	N/A – the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has asked HMIC to audit non-police organisations which use the PNC, in order to provide assurance that those organisations are complying with required procedures.	N/A	<i>Not relevant to BTP</i>

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Honour based violence	To inspect how well the police forces, in particular neighbourhood teams, establish, maintain and develop relations with minority communities in a multi-cultural society, find and assist vulnerable people and victims, and encourage increased reporting of crimes.	Await further details	<p><i>Likely to be a risk based rather than 'all force' inspection – BTP is unlikely to be part of their priority sample.</i></p> <p><i>HMIC recommends that BTP/A reviews the initial report and if it identifies issues of interest a further discussion could take place about commissioning any inspection activity.</i></p>
Cyber crime	<p>HMIC intends to inspect how well the police service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ understands the nature and scale of this new threat; ▪ have plans in place to tackle it and how effectively forces are tackling it through prevention and detection of crime. <p>This will include an examination of how well the police use the opportunities provided to them by digital technology.</p>	<p>Potential – this is a topic that is coming more to the fore and is on the 'radar' of many of our industry stakeholders. At present through the Crime department, BTP engages with the national structure and has implemented a Cyber Crime board that is responsible for identifying and developing relationships with other stakeholders that can assist in the development of capacity and capabilities.</p> <p>Recommend revisiting this once the initial report is published</p>	<p><i>As above.</i></p> <p><i>This is likely to be a largely 'fact finding' rather than evaluative inspection – there is some interest from HMIC in understanding what cyber crime means for the policing of the railway.</i></p>
Firearms licensing	N/A	N/A	<i>BTP does not carry out a firearms licensing function</i>
Modern Slavery	This will be joint inspections on trafficking and slavery in the 2014/16 CJS programme.	Await further details – unlikely to be a priority	<p><i>Likely to be a risk based rather than 'all force' inspection – BTP is unlikely to be part of their priority sample.</i></p> <p><i>HMIC recommends that BTP/A reviews the initial report and if it identifies issues of interest a further discussion could take place about commissioning any inspection activity.</i></p>

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New 'all-force' inspection (PEEL)	The detailed shape and content of this programme will be under development during 2014/15, however will be on how well each force cuts crime (from anti-social behaviour to organised crime to protecting vulnerable people); provides a service that is fair (given that the legitimacy of the service is an important part of its effectiveness); and provides value for money (building on our existing Valuing the Police programme).	The Chief Constable attended the HMIC Ref Group that focussed on achieving a shared understanding of how HMIC should develop and deliver the all-force assessments.	<p><i>The PEEL assessment will be formed of 3 strands populated by the findings from 3 inspections as described above</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Efficiency (VtP)</i> <i>2. Effectiveness (CDI)</i> <i>3. Legitimacy (PIC)</i> <p><i>HMIC advises that the PEEL 1 (2014/15) cycle will be a partial assessment and suggests that BTP/A should keep updated on the emerging findings but wait until the PEEL 2 (2015/16) cycle to participate in the assessment.</i></p> <p><i>We can undertake the priority inspections on crime and police integrity in the interim.</i></p> <p><i>They have offered a presentation on PEEL to the Audit & Risk Committee/Authority if this would be of interest</i></p>