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**Report to:** British Transport Police Authority Audit & Risk Assurance  
Committee

**Agenda item:** 6.1

**Date:** 4 December 2014

**Subject:** HMIC Inspection Status Update

**Sponsor:** Deputy Chief Constable

**For:** Information

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## **1. PURPOSE OF PAPER**

- 1.1 To provide the British Transport Police Authority (BTPA) Audit & Risk Assurance Committee with an update in relation to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) activity.

## **2. BTP INSPECTION STATUS UPDATE**

### **2.1 Stop and Search**

- 2.1.1 FHQ Operations is currently exploring whether a number of activities associated with intelligence lead stop and searches can be picked up as part of Op Trafalgar. Op Trafalgar is a project that will introduce Evidence Based Policing as the business as usual method of deployment for uniform resources in BTP. This in turn will be more intelligence led. FHQ Operations will discuss these elements of the stop and search improvement plan with the Op Trafalgar Operational Lead and Director of Intelligence to ensure stop and search intelligence is fed into the Op Trafalgar intelligence cycle. Frontline training is now being rolled out (commencing with C Division) and this training includes specific information regarding intelligence around stop and search activity.

- 2.1.2 Progress is being made in relation to the implementation of the Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme. Actions to be taken in terms of the Scheme have been incorporated into the stop and search improvement plan to ensure progress is being monitored. FHQ Operations in conjunction with FIB and PSD are currently building upon processes already in place in relation to Data Recording, Lay Observations, and Stop & Search Complaints to ensure they are in line with the Scheme.



2.1.3 Details in relation to progress against the Improvement Plan can be found at Appendix A. The improvement plan attached was reviewed at ICB in November 2014. HMIC are yet to confirm the date BTP will be inspected as part of the stop and search revisit which will be taking place during 2014/15.

## 2.2 Inspection of Police Custody Suites

2.2.1 The custody improvement plan contains both the recommendations and housekeeping points which were identified in the report. In total HMIC/P made 42 recommendations and housekeeping points, of which, almost 75% of these have now been addressed.

2.2.2 It should be noted that in addition to HMIC's unannounced inspections of custody suites, BTP's custody managers conduct both unscheduled and scheduled custody audits of B Division suites. The custody audit checklist comprises HMIC expectations criteria and has recently been redesigned for audits taking place *post* October 2014 in order for compliance to be demonstrated and recorded accordingly.

2.2.3 Further to the above, a six monthly FHQ led inspection of all custody facilities is also undertaken. This regime has recently been updated to better reflect changes in legislation/guidance and to reflect HMIC/P expectations and their *post* inspection recommendations.

2.2.4 Details in relation to progress against the Improvement Plan can be found at Appendix B. The improvement plan attached was reviewed at ICB in November 2014. BTP will need to submit the improvement plan to HMIC/P at the end of December 2014.

## 2.3 Crime Data Integrity

2.3.1 BTP has recently received the draft report for factual accuracy checking. It should be noted that the report had been delayed due to the publication of the National Crime Data Integrity report – Crime Recoding: making the victim count.



2.3.2 A draft copy of BTP's report can be found at Appendix C. Once the report has been published BTP will developed an improvement plan which will be submitted to ARAC in March 2015.

2.4 HMIC Scotland (HMICS) – Crime Recoding Audit and Stop and Search Inspection

2.4.1 BTP has agreed to participate in two inspections to be undertaken by HMICS around Crime Recording and Stop and Search of BTP in Scotland. BTP's involvement will support a wider review of Crime Recording and Stop and Search of Police Scotland. HMICS will undertake both inspections at no cost to BTP or the BTPA. It is envisaged that the inspections will take place during this current financial year, with both complete by January 2015.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS PUBLISHED BY HMIC**

3.1 Audit & Compliance monitor all national reports published by HMIC. Where BTP have not been involved in the relevant area of inspection these reports are disseminated to appropriate departments internally in order to ascertain BTP's current position, risk implications, and impact. Action Plans are put in place locally with recommendations reviewed and monitored at Force level via ICB and/or submitted to BTPA Audit & Risk Assurance Committee for informational purposes. It should be noted that since the last Committee meeting there have been three relevant policing reports published by HMIC that require action by BTP as noted in the below table.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 Members to note the update provided in this paper.

**Summary of Reports** -The below table summaries the reports published by HMIC since the last Audit & Risk Assurance Committee.

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>BTP Position</b>	<b>Report recommendations to be progressed by BTP</b>
<p>Core Business: an inspection into crime prevention, police attendance and the use of police time</p> <p>N.B. Formerly known as Making Best Use of Police Time</p>	<p>This report examined all 43 police forces in England and Wales. It looked at three principal aspects of day-to-day policing: the prevention of crime; how crime is investigated and offenders brought to justice; and freeing up and using police time more efficiently (which includes the use of modern technology). The report merges three complementary inspections into a single assessment.</p>	<p>BTP was part of this inspection, however, the force has not been included in the national report. BTP has now received and reviewed its individual force feedback report for factual inaccuracies. It should be noted that an initial draft improvement plan is currently being developed.</p>	<p>There are 40 recommendations in the national report. Several of the recommendations relate to work which all forces need to undertake in conjunction with the College of Policing. Where relevant these will be progressed and monitored via the improvement plan currently being developed.</p>
<p>South Yorkshire – National Child Protection Inspection</p>	<p>The inspection examined child protection in South Yorkshire Police in May 2014. This forms part of the rolling programme of child protection inspections of all Home Office Forces in England and Wales.</p>	<p>Circulated to the Head of Crime</p>	<p>No – separate review of safeguarding is being undertaken by the Head of Crime</p>
<p>Bedfordshire - Joint Inspection of Custody Suites</p>	<p>This report is one of a series on police custody inspections carried out jointly by HMIC and HMI Prisons. The inspection looks at strategy, treatment and conditions, individual rights and health care.</p> <p>N.B. Where good practice is found on an inspection it is collated in a good practice document published by HMIC. This document is regularly updated.</p>	<p>Custody Directorate has been made aware of HMIC's Police Custody: good practice examples which they review accordingly.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Inspection of Undercover Policing in England and Wales</p>	<p>This inspection examined how well undercover policing is carried out currently. In June 2013, the Home Secretary commissioned HMIC to inspect the effectiveness of the arrangements in place in all police forces to carry out, manage and scrutinise undercover operations. The inspection included all regional and national</p>	<p>BTP was inspected as part of this inspection programme in February 2014. Following the publication of the National Thematic Report an improvement plan is currently being developed.</p>	<p>Improvement plan currently being developed.</p>



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Strategic policing requirement inspection – force findings	<p>policing units, and the National Crime Agency.</p> <p>In September 2013, HMIC inspected 18 forces as part of their three-year programme to examine the arrangements that forces have in place to meet the strategic policing requirement. These reports set out what was found.</p> <p>Reports have been published for:            Cheshire Constabulary            City of London Police            Greater Manchester Police            Humberside Police            Metropolitan Police Service            Northumbria Police            Avon and Somerset Constabulary            Bedfordshire Police            Cambridgeshire Constabulary            Gwent Police            Hertfordshire Constabulary            Kent Police            Leicestershire Police            Nottinghamshire Police            South Wales Police            Sussex Police            West Midlands Police            Wiltshire Police</p>	The Strategic Policing Requirement: 'An inspection of the arrangements that police forces have in place to meet the Strategic Policing Requirement' was published by HMIC in April 2014 and was reviewed by relevant areas of the business.	No
West Midlands – national child protection inspection	The inspection examined child protection in West Midlands Police in June 2014. This forms part of the rolling programme of child protection inspections of all Home Office Forces in England and Wales.	Circulated to the Head of Crime	No – separate review of safeguarding is being undertaken by the Head of Crime
Value for money profiles – 2014	The value for money profiles provides comparative data on a wide range of policing	Circulated to the Head of Finance	No



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	activities. It is important to note that the profiles highlight what these differences are, but not why they exist.		
Crime-recording: making the victim count	An inspection into the way the 43 police forces in England and Wales record crime data. HMIC examined and assessed the integrity of crime data in each force. They focused their examination around three broad themes: leadership and governance; systems and processes; and the people and skills involved. They looked at how each force applies the standards and rules for crime-recording laid down by the Home Office; how police culture and behaviours affect recording; how victims of crime are being served by police crime recording practices; and how the police use out-of-court solutions such as cautions, cannabis warnings, community resolutions and penalty notices for disorder when dealing with offenders.	BTP was part of this inspection, however, the force has not been included in the national report. BTP has now received its individual force feedback report for factual accuracy checking.  It should be noted that although BTP's inspection followed the same format as that for Home Office forces, the audit covered crime records for the period of six months – January 2014 to June 2014. The time period covered by Home Office forces was November 2012 to October 2013.	There are 13 recommendations in the national report. Where relevant these will be progressed and monitored via the improvement plan currently being developed.