

**Anthony Stansfeld, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley's response to HMICs Crime Data Integrity Report:**

"I welcome HMIC's latest report and am encouraged by Thames Valley Police's approach to Crime Data Integrity.

"The Force was last inspected on this area 3 years ago and while the latest inspection was more robust than the one previously undertaken, I am pleased that many of the key findings, such as strong leadership and good governance, remain culturally embedded within the Force.

"The policing landscape has undergone many changes in recent years, none more so than the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners. As PCC of Thames Valley my remit to support victims of crime – including rape and other sexual offences - means I have a real interest in the accuracy and reliability of crime data. I am therefore pleased that HMIC acknowledge a number of good practices within this area.

"I do recognise however, that the report highlights a number of key areas in which Thames Valley can improve upon, in particular, the need for better communications to be cascaded down to officers and staff from the centre. Also, a number of systems and processes were identified as requiring attention as these could – in some instances – result in victims' crimes being missed.

"The specific recommendations highlighted in Thames Valley's report need to be seen in context against the wider national picture. I have therefore asked the Chief Constable to provide an update on progress, which I will further examine at my next public meeting scheduled for January 2015."

**Update (January 2015)**

"On 20 January 2015 I received an update from the Chief Constable and I am pleased to say that in the context of the national report, TVP should be seen in a positive light. There are identified areas for improvement in relation to systems and processes, however, I am assured that the Force have the necessary steps in place to address HMICs key recommendations. My Office will monitor progress of a number of ongoing actions throughout the year."