

HMIC REPORT - EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

PCC Anthony Stansfeld's interim comment on the HMIC inspection of Thames Valley Police's approach to tackling domestic abuse

"Tackling domestic abuse is a key commitment in my Police and Crime Plan and it is essential that victims have confidence in the service they receive. I am therefore pleased that Thames Valley is mentioned in the national report as one of a limited number of Forces that provide a better level of service to victims.

However, we shouldn't be complacent here. Further work to improve risk assessments and safeguarding has been flagged by HMIC, although I am confident that the Force will address these and continue to maintain its high standards.

I have asked the Chief Constable to provide a report that will focus on HMICs recommendations, and to present this to my next public-facing meeting on 30th July 2014. I intend to publish my views after this report has been considered."

UPDATE (September 2014)

The Chief Constable presented a report to the Policy, Planning & Performance Meeting on 30 July 2014. The report acknowledges the good work identified by HMIC of TVP, particularly around the quality of service it provides to victims of domestic abuse. TVP have accepted 7 recommendations from HMIC and adopted these in conjunction with the recommendations for all forces, as set out in HMICs national report on domestic abuse.

I have considered the Force's action plan which addresses these recommendations and am satisfied that the overall RAG status is Green. This developmental work will build upon the current areas of strength and ensure that current standards are maintained and, where possible, improved.