



## **HMIC Crime Data Integrity Report**

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I welcome the findings of HMICs report into Crime Data Integrity in Northamptonshire.

I found the contents of HMICs report particularly concerning and I am keen that Northamptonshire Police ensures its compliance with both Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR) and National Crime Recording Standards (NOCR) at the earliest opportunity.

I am sure that the public in Northamptonshire will be concerned that the Force locally are currently not recording crimes in the correct way and as the PCC for Northamptonshire, with the responsibility of representing not only all residents of Northamptonshire, but particularly victims and witnesses of crime find these matters deeply concerning. It is especially concerning as victims may potentially not be given the access to support services they need and require.

I am particularly concerned that the victim-centred approach that I have been pursuing has not been followed through on the frontline as stated upon a visit to the Force Control Room.

Clearly Northamptonshire Police has a long way to go in ensuring compliance with Crime Data Integrity. I will use my monthly performance and accountability meetings with the Chief Constable to continue to check progress on the implementation of HMICs recommendations.

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