



HMIC Inspection of the Strategic Policing Requirement

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I welcome HMICs recent report into the strategic policing requirement both on how the Force deals with threats to Public Order and large scale cyber-incidents.

I have chosen to focus my response on the large scale cyber incidents. As the report correctly identifies this is a growing area in which criminality will naturally seek to exploit. As criminal gangs become increasingly more organised in their utilisation of modern technologies, it is evident that our Police Forces and Intelligence Services must also get better at responding to cyber incidents and become much more prepared for the potential threats posed by criminals in cyber space.

It was encouraging to see that Officers in Northamptonshire are taking up the offer of online cyber training packages (6.5%), one of the highest in the country, although I recognise that overtime, this might be something the Chief Constable would like to consider increasing resources in as the threat grows.

I agree that more needs to be done to connect the relevant agencies that have a responsibility to respond and ensure that we are offering consistency in the level of service we offer to deal with the current threat level.

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