



Inspecting policing
in the public interest

Strategic Policing Requirement inspection

Terms of Reference

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Mandate

The commission to inspect is contained in the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) document in paragraph 1.15 *“It is expected that Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary will provide assurance that the preparation and delivery of those requirements set out within the Strategic Policing Requirement have been subject to a proportionate and risk-based testing and inspection regime.”*

Objective

The objective of the inspection is to assure the police service’s preparations to meet the five national threats (terrorism, organised crime, public order, civil emergency and large-scale cyber incident) to be measured by their capability, capacity, contribution, connectivity and consistency (the five SPR Cs)

Key Questions

Five key questions will underpin HMIC’s inspection activity on the SPR:

1. How effective are the arrangements within forces, regions and nationally to counter SPR Part A threats?
2. Are the capacity, capability and contribution provided within force, region and nationally sufficient to meet the threats?
3. Is there connectivity between police forces and nationally?
4. Is there consistency in the approach by forces to tackle SPR Part A threats?
5. What progress is being made by forces to standardise regional organised crime unit capabilities?

Scope

In 2013/14 the inspection scope will be:

- an inspection of the mechanisms police forces, police regions and law enforcement bodies with national responsibilities have in place to deliver the five SPR 'Cs' against each of the five SPR threats;
- an inspection of the arrangements in place to respond to the requirements of the SPR to deal with threats to public order that cannot be managed by a single force acting alone or a large-scale cyber incident including criminal attack; and
- to ascertain progress within each region to achieve the required capabilities (as agreed by Chief Constable's Council) for the regional organised crime units, including how the funding provided by the Home Office is being used.

Detailed inspection of the police service's preparation to deal with terrorism, civil emergency and organised crime will be conducted in subsequent years.

Outputs

A full report of the inspection will be published upon conclusion of this year's inspection activity. This is planned for late February 2014.