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Dear Roy,

PEEL Spotlight: How Effectively Do The Police Record Crime?

I am writing to you to formally respond to the inspection report on How Effectively Do The Police Record Crime?, published in August 2025.

In its executive summary, the report examines how well police forces in England and Wales record crime, drawing on findings from the PEEL inspection programmes 2021-25 and previous crime data integrity inspections conducted between 2016 and 2020.

In your report, you highlight areas for improvement and set out three new recommendations for all police forces, focusing on recording violent and conduct crimes, recording crimes related to domestic abuse accurately and ensuring crime recorders are appropriately trained and there is effective oversight. You also reiterate four existing recommendations from previous inspections.

I have formally raised this thematic report with the Chief Constable, and I am assured that Derbyshire Constabulary acknowledges the findings and is actively reviewing its crime recording practices to ensure they meet National standards.

I understand the force has conducted bi-annual violent-crime attrition audits, showing crime recording attrition compliance of 97.05% and 93.53% for January 2025 and July 2025 respectively, as well as audits on the recording of sexual offences at 94.64% recording attrition for January and 84.29% for July. Following these results, the force is undertaking a trial of a Crime Validation Team to ensure a faster correction process and a faster feedback loop to those recording crime incorrectly.



Regarding the use of the term “quickly” within the above recommendation, this relates predominantly to the 24-hours recording rule. The force has been consistently above 90% compliance with 24-hour recording since the creation of the Crime Recording Team in April 2024, within the CCMC. This team is responsible for recording around 60% of all force crime. This team, and all CCMC staff, receive additional, in-depth training regarding the Home Office Crime Recording Rules (HOCR) which is delivered by one of the Dedicated Decision Makers (DDMs) within the force and are then given key updates by the Contact Management training team as part of their continuous professional development.

HOCR clarifications and new legislation is disseminated via learning briefings to the Crime Recording Teams and also force-wide via Chiefs Orders.

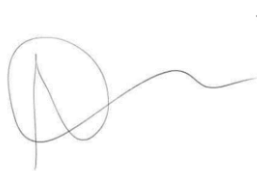
I am informed Dedicated Decision Makers (DDMs) currently have bespoke training with experienced colleagues, under the guidance of the Finalisations Team Sergeant within the Crime Management Support Unit. The Force is currently looking at formalising this training with the inclusion of a portfolio of work before accreditation; and also exploring the newly launched DDMs course by the College of Policing. The force’s Force Crime Incident Registrar (and Deputy FCIR) are trained and accredited by the College of Policing; and the force operates with additional trained FCIRs to ensure resilience.

Derbyshire has a Crime Recording Hub on the force intranet which all officers and staff can readily access which provides crime recording advice with examples of when and how to accurately record crimes and this includes the stalking, harassment and violence offences referenced in the recommendations.

I am assured by the governance structure for crime attrition and quality, driven through the Crime Data Integrity Board which is chaired by the Detective Chief Inspector leading the Crime Management Support Unit (CMSU). Subsequently this feeds into the Force Performance Assurance Board (PAB) of which my office attends. Additionally, the Force Crime Incident Registrar has regular meetings with the Deputy Chief Constable regarding Crime Data Integrity.

I would like to extend my thanks to HMICFRS for this important report. I look forward to hearing on the progress made against these recommendations in the near future.

Kindest regards,



Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts

Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire

