

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's response to the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMICFRS) - Counter-terrorism policing an inspection of the police's contribution to the governments Prevent programme (March 2020).

[The report can be found here](#)

The focus of this inspection was to assess the police's contribution to the government's Prevent programme. HMICFRS examined how effective the police are in contributing to PREVENT, one of the strands of the UK Government's CONTEST strategy for countering terrorism. Fundamentally, they sought to establish whether forces have the capability to meet terrorist threats faced by the UK.

Fieldwork for this inspection took place between October 2018 and February 2019. HMICFRS used a common set of questions and interviewed staff in similar roles in each of the Police forces visited. Guidance from two external reference groups informed the questions used. HMICFRS sampled the records and forms forces use to assess someone's vulnerability to terrorism or extremism.

HMICFRS visited all 43 Home Office police forces in England and Wales and also the Civil Nuclear Constabulary, the Ministry of Defence Police and British Transport Police. In each force, they interviewed the chief officer responsible for Prevent, the strategic lead for Prevent and the head of safeguarding. They held focus groups with community police officers and staff and representatives of other public agencies who work with police forces on Prevent.

On the 9th March 2020 HMICFRS published its findings reporting that forces in general were:

- meeting their Prevent duty;
- working effectively with other organisations; and
- using policies and effective processes designed to protect people from being radicalised

I am pleased that HMICFRS also found that most forces had a good and improving capability to support the multi-agency approach to Prevent. Many interviewees were confident in the police's ability to manage the risk from radicalisation. This includes:


- effective use of well-trained specialist counter-terrorism (CT) police-funded posts;

- a willingness of forces to fund necessary additional Prevent roles;
- a supportive and agile national/regional Prevent network;
- satisfactory IT systems; and
- creative use of force staff as 'single points of contact' to increase Prevent awareness.

HMICFRS made eight recommendations but none were directed at Chief Constables.

I consider preventing terrorism a priority area and as such set the Chief Constable a strategic objective in my Police and Crime Delivery Plan (2019-20) to 'Work to safeguard vulnerable people from radicalisation and improve sharing of information to protect the public from terrorism and extremism.' I receive regular updates from the Chief Constable and am assured that appropriate activity is being undertaken.

Yours sincerely



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