

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's response to the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMICFRS) - The Poor Relation - The Police and CPS Response to Crimes Against Older People (July 2019).

[The report can be found here](#)

In 2018/19, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) and Her Majesty's Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPSI) conducted a joint inspection of how the Police and the CPS respond to crimes against older people.

This is a national report which follows the inspection of six forces excluding Nottinghamshire Police so there are no specific recommendations for Nottinghamshire although there are some for all Chief Constables.

The report identifies that there is no agreed age or definition across the criminal justice system (or indeed society) for what constitutes an 'older person'. For example, Age Concern defines old age as starting at 50 years; the CPS at 60 years; and different forces have chosen their own lower age limits (for example, one force inspected for this report had chosen 60).

As the report points out after an incident or crime has been reported, the Police should assess whether the victim is vulnerable. This is done for several reasons, but one of the most important is to decide whether the victim should be referred to the local authority for an assessment of need or whether an officer should raise a safeguarding concern. I am aware that our staff in Nottinghamshire assess vulnerability at the very first point of contact which of course would include vulnerability through age. Furthermore, all victims of crime are referred to our commissioned services namely Victims Care who provide tailored support depending on the type of vulnerability.

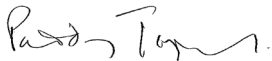
I am pleased that in May this year HMICFRS found Nottinghamshire Police to be good at protecting people who are vulnerable; that officers and staff treat vulnerable people well and the Force works with its partner organisations to understand people in the area who might be vulnerable. Also, the force is good at identifying vulnerable people when they first make

contact and has good systems to do this. It responds well to incidents that are a priority and all of these positives would include the elderly who are vulnerable.

HMICFRS has made a few recommendations for all Chief Constables and these will be tracked and responded to as required.

The Force will continue to use its dedicated 4ACTION database for tracking and responding to all HMICFRS recommendations and areas for improvement overseen by the Deputy Chief Constable. The Force also provides regular HMICFRS update reports to my Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel (JASP) who provide additional scrutiny in these important areas.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paddy Tipping'.

Paddy Tipping
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