

Surrey PCC Response to HMICFRS Report: Roads Policing: Not Optional - An Inspection of Roads Policing in England and Wales

I very much welcome this report from HMICFRS. Ensuring safe roads is of great concern to me and residents of Surrey given that we have some of the busiest stretches of roads in England and Wales.

I have asked the Chief Constable to provide a full report on how Surrey Police is addressing each of the 7 recommendations for Chief Constables covered in the report. This report was spoken about during my regular webcast Performance Meetings I hold the Chief Constable to account.

In terms of ensuring that roads policing is part of the strategic threat and risk assessments, this is already implemented and further detailed planning is taking place. Analytical skills area also already in place, but further improvement is needed to evaluate the success of roads safety initiatives. Partnership working is in place, including compliance with use of speed and red-light cameras, but improvements have been identified in communication and joint use of data. A wellbeing strategy is in place including for those involved in fatal road traffic collisions.

Surrey Police is currently not making use of public provided digital video footage. There is potential to use the system in place for Sussex Police and this is an area I have asked the Chief Constable to look into. The Chief Constable is also reviewing resources in relation to roads policing.

As with all national recommendations, progress is being monitored by Surrey Police and scrutiny of progress is carried out by my office.