



HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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Police Report Card Paints Positive Picture

The publication of the Police Report Card (PRC) clearly illustrating the improvements in performance made by Humberside Police over recent years, has been wholeheartedly welcomed by Humberside Police Authority, the body responsible for ensuring local people receive a effective police service

The assessments cover the year ending March 31st 2009 and Humberside Police was assessed as 'Fair' in the card's three key areas: Local crime and policing; Protection from Serious Harm; and Confidence and Satisfaction.

This highlights the quantum leap taken by Humberside Police in terms of performance over the last three years and establishes it as one of the fastest improving forces in England and Wales. More encouragingly, recent performance reports indicate that confidence continues to improve and crime continues to fall. When more up-to-date reports are published, the Authority fully expects further significant improvements.

The report card highlights a number of specific areas as 'Good' including the Force's work to reduce crime, increase visibility, prevent knife and gun crime and meet the standards of the Policing Pledge. In addition, the maintenance of comparative satisfaction levels for Black and Minority Ethnic communities was assessed as 'Good/Excellent', illustrating the focus placed on equality and diversity.

Alene Branton, MBE, Chair of the Police Authority, said: "These assessments show that the tough targets that we have set the force year on year, our determination to secure increased confidence in our communities and our relentless focus on scrutiny have led to improvements in performance.

"Importantly, we have concentrated on the things that the public have told us matter most to them. I'm pleased to see police visibility assessed as 'Good' – it

shows that the Authority listened to what people said and invested wisely in PCSOs and neighbourhood policing.”

The Police Report Card has been introduced by HMIC (Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary) to provide a clear overview of police force performance, alongside the prospects for improvement. The new system also enables comparisons to be made with other forces in England and Wales.

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