



## **HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland** **Improving Policing across Scotland**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

## **HMICS launches consultation for Scrutiny Plan 2020-21**

Each year HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) sets out its Scrutiny Plan outlining how HMICS will meet its statutory purpose to inquire into the state, efficiency and effectiveness of both the Police Service of Scotland ('Police Scotland') and the Scottish Police Authority. This Plan is published in terms of Section 75 of the *Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012* and sets out our inspection plan over the forthcoming year.

In keeping with our statutory duty, we keep this plan under constant review, assessing and responding to competing scrutiny priorities and we are now commencing our consultation process for the year 2020-21.

In a change to the consultation process, this year HMICS will utilise an online survey that anyone with an interest in policing in Scotland can contribute to. The aim is to provide HMICS with a thorough insight into the key issues that members of the public, key stakeholders and critically staff members of Police Scotland and the SPA feel strongly about.

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland, Gillian Imery, said: "A key part of the consultation exercise is collaboration with key stakeholders. It is also important to me that we reach out to all the communities in Scotland to ensure their concerns are heard. This will inform the development of our Scrutiny Plan for the year 2020-21."

"It is also critical that we give all staff within Police Scotland and the SPA the opportunity to contribute, which will allow them to voice their concerns to HMICS and highlight relevant issues impacting on their efficiency and effectiveness to conduct their daily business."

The survey will be published on the HMICS website between 12 November 2019 and 17 January 2020. HMICS encourages anyone with an interest in shaping our scrutiny plan for the coming year to participate via the following link:

[https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/HMICS\\_Scrutiny\\_Plan\\_2020-21](https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/HMICS_Scrutiny_Plan_2020-21)

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