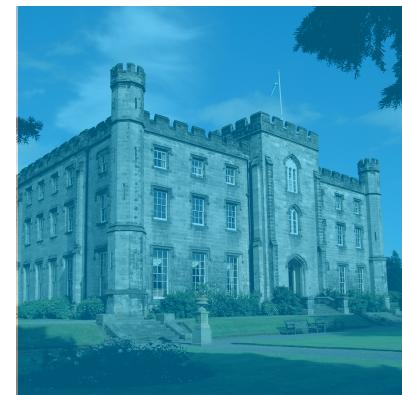




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Recommendations/Improvement Actions - Discharged 2015

Police Scotland regularly provides updates on the implementation of Recommendations and Improvement Actions. The following have been assessed as discharged by HMI Mr Derek Penman



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Date of report	Report Title	Recommendation/ Improvement Action Number	HMICS Recommendation/Improvement Action	Discharged Date
13/12/2013	Review of incident and crime recording 2013	R1	Police Scotland should clearly define the term 'as soon as reasonably practicable' by introducing timescales for the recording of crime following an initial report. This would facilitate compliance with the Scottish Crime Recording Standard and ensure victims' needs are better met.	Dec 15
13/12/2013	Review of incident and crime recording 2013	R4	Messages about ethical crime recording and performance with integrity from senior members of the service should be frequent, consistent, clear and understood by all members of Police Scotland.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	R1	Police Scotland should introduce more efficient processes to better manage capacity across the custody estate. These processes should allow officers to be effectively directed to custody centres where there is sufficient available capacity to accept their detainees.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	R4	Police Scotland should review the wider security of the custody environment and conduct a physical security audit at each custody centre	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	R12	To further address inconsistencies in practice, Police Scotland should build on its approach to custody audit, with frequency of audits being reviewed and consideration given to additional cross cluster audits. Consideration should also be given to a centralised resource to further support and undertake the additional work.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	IA12	Police Scotland should undertake further risk assessment of Hamilton, Paisley and Kirkcaldy custody centres of both health and safety and security with the engagement of staff associations and unions.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	IA16	Consider consistent provision of food and drink and balance cost efficiency with quality and take up levels.	Dec 15

11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	IA23	Consider widening access to training in mental health awareness and further developing effective policy guidance on the management of detainees with mental health issues.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	IA37	Maintain dialogue with analytical services to ensure a dedicated analytical resource is available for advice and guidance in development of options to meet the gap until delivery of an integrated ICT solution.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	IA38	Empower the new custody command team to maintain and develop external and internal (including local policing) relationships further.	Dec 15
11/08/2014	Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland	IA39	Review and define clearer responsibilities between Criminal Justice and Custody Division in terms of partnership working and delivery of the Making Justice Work programme.	Dec 15
16/10/2014	Local Policing+ Pilot Inspection of Fife Division	R8	The Divisional Commander should complete the review of local policing structures in Fife as quickly as possible and should take account of the views of officers, staff and stakeholders.	Dec 15
30/03/2015	Audit and Assurance Review of Stop and Search: Phase 1	R9	Police Scotland should remove the default selection of consensual search from the national stop and search database and require officers to specifically select the legislative power exercised in their stop and search encounter from a pre-defined list. An option to select consensual search should still be maintained until such time as a decision is taken over its continued use in Scotland.	Dec 15
30/03/2015	Audit and Assurance Review of Stop and Search: Phase 1	R16	Police Scotland should seek legal opinion on whether Section 61 of the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 can be interpreted to show an implied power of search for alcohol from young people under the age of 18 and adults in specific circumstances. This opinion should inform whether there is a requirement to seek further legislation in the absence of consensual stop and search.	Dec 15



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