



Federation response to HMIC report; Without fear or favour: A review of police relationships.

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Commenting on the publication today of the Report by HMIC, Without fear or favour: A review of police relationships, Paul McKeever, Chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, says:

‘We welcome today’s report by the HMIC on the review of police relationships which has found that the majority of people do not think corruption is common and trust the police to tell the truth. It is right that HMIC identify areas which the public consider could leave the police service vulnerable to accusations of corruption and that we put safeguards and tighter controls in place to ensure that confidence is maintained.

‘The report recognises the importance of clear national standards. This is hugely important for the future integrity of the police service as we face an unprecedented level of structural changes in 2012 including the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners, whose priorities could be based upon populism and seeking re-election. This type of change could endanger the open and transparent nature of police governance and we would not wish to see the same accusations of corruption we have witnessed in the governance structure in the policing model in the USA mirrored here in the UK, with frontline police officers bearing the brunt of public frustration.’