

# PCC and CC Force Inspection response record

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<b>Force</b>	Staffordshire
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<b>Chief Constable</b>	Chris Noble
<b>Title of inspection</b>	<a href="#">Vetting and anti-corruption part 2: How effective is the National Crime Agency at dealing with corruption?</a>
<b>Inspectorate</b>	 <p>HMICFRS Making communities safer</p>
<b>Summary of inspection</b>	<p>This is the second part of our inspection of the NCA’s ability to deal with corruption. This report considers the NCA’s effectiveness and efficiency in helping and working with police forces and other law enforcement agencies to identify and tackle corruption involving police officers and staff. We found that the NCA’s anti-corruption unit (ACU) investigates to a good standard and uses covert tactics when necessary. The NCA works well with police forces and other law enforcement agencies to help them identify and investigate corruption.</p>
<b>Grade</b>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>There were five recommendations with Recommendation 4 directed to Chief Constables.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 4</b> By 30 June 2024, chief constables should make sure they tell the National Crime Agency the outcome of investigations into <a href="#">suspicious activity reports</a> relating to their force’s personnel. The National Crime Agency should include a summary of this information in its annual national <a href="#">strategic threat assessment</a>, ‘The Threat to UK Law Enforcement from Corruption’.</p>
<b>Areas for improvement</b>	

## Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s initial response

Ben Adams, Staffordshire Commissioner is keen to ensure that Staffordshire Police shares relevant information with NCA in order to identify and tackle corruption involving police officers and staff. The PFCC has sought assurance from the force that processes are in place to report updates and outcomes directly to the NCA and although the process is manual at this time there is a longer-term solution identified that will make the process more streamlined.

## Chief Constable's response

All published HMICFRS reports, whether they are national thematic inspection report or directly linked to the force, are taken seriously and dealt with the same way and form part of the force's approach to continuous improvement/development.

Any recommendations for Chief Constables would be transferred onto the force action plan system. Progress and consequently finalisation of those recommendations/actions is monitored accordingly via our governance structure.

This report is no exception despite being a direct response to the NCA's ability to deal with corruption.

The only recommendation addressed to Chief Constables (recommendation 4 as detailed above) was reviewed and actioned by the force's ACU Lead.

In May 2024, the force introduced a new process in the ACU to report back updates and outcomes directly to the NCA. All ACU staff have been trained accordingly. One selected staff (acting as SPoC for the force) was given access to the relevant database to provide the information directly to the NCA.

## Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's overall comments

I am satisfied that this recommendation has been actioned by the force and will support the NCA in their effectiveness and efficiency.