

HMICFRS – Market Exploration Document: Police Objective Analysis data

1 Summary

On behalf of HMICFRS, HO seeking submissions from across the market that provide us with high quality police financial data including actuals for all forces in England and Wales. Allowing HMICFRS to understand how forces spend their money to do their job. Building a better understanding of current market capability will inform decisions on how best to inspect forces and clarify areas of concern for inspection.

2 Background

HMICFRS have published the 'Value for Money profiles' since 2009, they are used by forces to benchmark their finances against other forces across England and Wales. The profiles are also used for inspection purposes within the directorate to inform judgements and lead to lines of enquiry as they relate to financial sustainability and efficiency. The dashboard is also available online for the public to view and can be accessed at [this link](#).

The profiles get their source data from publicly available sources, which the inspectorate does not have to procure, apart from the Police Objective Analysis (POA) data that HMICFRS currently procures each year.

3. What we want

HMICFRS would expect the POA data to be collected, quality assured and sent to the inspectorate with a latest date of completion of **1st of December of each financial year**. We would expect that a working group is set up with all interested stakeholders, including HMICFRS, NPCC and financial contacts for all forces in England and Wales to help with the continuous improvement of data collection and to answer queries that forces have with completing their returns. We would expect that data is collected along the objectives, sub-objectives and subjectives that have been set out in previous collections.

HMICFRS would expect that the actuals collection is similarly provided at the earliest possible time and with a latest date of completion of the **1st of December of each financial year**. We would expect that as a minimum the metrics in annex A are collected as part of this collection with additional data and increased granularity welcome.

We would expect the Quality Assurance logs for both collections to accompany the submission of the two collections to HMICFRS.

We would expect that the contracted party would design the survey for both 'POA expected' financial data and the 'actual' spending data to be ready to be sent to forces in **May/June** such that sufficient time is awarded to forces to fill in returns. We would also expect that the contracted party would provide support during this period for forces to aid in their submissions.

Once submissions have come in, we would expect that the contracted party inform HMICFRS of any missing submissions and the response rate. At this point the aforementioned quality assurance log would need to be filled in to ensure that sufficiency checks have been carried out so that we can be sure of the robustness of the data.

Once assured, data would be expected to be sent to HMICFRS so that we can build our analytical products around the structure of this data. **We would expect this data to be sent to us in October/November with a latest completion date of 1st December.** The contracted party would then need to remain available to receive and send re-submitted returns as part of the 'Value for Money profiles' force assurance process (where we would expect a number of forces to resubmit data).

4. What we don't want

We are not interested in literature reviews, paper-based studies, consultancy or non-technical solutions. Any solution that exceeds the £35k+ VAT budget as we enter tight government spend controls.

5. Next Steps

HMICFRS is inviting prospective suppliers to share their views on the feasibility of potentially delivering this Requirement, including how Suppliers can support the continuous improvement of the product as well as outline their experience(s) in the sector and collecting similar financial data from other sectors.

6. Expressing your interest

If you are interested in this opportunity, we intend running a virtual call after Easter 2025. If this interests your organisation, please email hannah.marriott@hmicfrs.gov.uk and confirm who (max two) from your organisation will be available for a call at 12:00pm on 23/4/2025. Please confirm your attendance by 17/4/2025.