

# Value for Money Profiles 2013

## Data erratum

### Introduction

Over the 43 Value for money profiles there are, collectively, hundreds of thousands of values used in the tables and charts.

The data are subject to a systematic checking process:

- The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) apply arithmetic and reconciliation checks to the financial (Police Objective Analysis, or POA) data provided to them by forces.
- Each force is asked to check their statistical outliers (where their costs are significantly different from the national average, from their return for the previous year, or both).
- Each force receives a draft profile so that it can check the figures before publication. This year HMIC, and CIPFA also ran two workshops, attended by about 50 practitioners from forces, to discuss the information in the draft profiles, identify anomalies and suggest improvements.

Each force's data affects not only their own profile, but the profile for every force. Because of this, all forces are asked to ensure that all of their data are correct by a deadline that is set to allow sufficient time for all of the final profiles to be calculated, produced and quality assured. Unfortunately, amendments to data that are submitted after the deadline cannot be included in the profiles, as the resource-intensive quality assurance process would have to be re-started, delaying the publication of the profiles for all forces. Therefore, instead of changing the profiles, details of amendments to the data that are submitted by forces between the final submission deadline and the publication of the profiles will be included in this erratum.

## Data amendments and comments

CIPFA have made HMIC aware of the following forces which amended their POA data between 22 October 2013 (the date of the POA data used in the profiles) and the publication of the profiles on 14 November 2013:

- **Essex** has updated its local and central funding levels;
- **West Mercia** provided updates which affect criminal justice arrangements, investigative support and support functions (in particular the finance function costs); and
- **Wiltshire** updated its local policing and Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) costs, and partnership and reimbursed income.
- **Hampshire** has clarified with HMIC that other costs under the PCC costs include a £2m 'one-off' fund created to support priorities in the PCC's police and crime plan.

More details on the impact of these changes will be added to this erratum by the end of November 2013. In particular, should the amendments make a substantial difference to the figures given in the profiles, we will provide updated data tables.