

28 October 2026

HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate (HMCPsi) - consultation on the proposed list of inspection topics to be included in the 2027-28 inspection programme.

Under the Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Act 2000, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006, I am required to consult with Ministers and statutory consultees on my proposed inspection programme. Given the role of HMCPsi, I am also keen to hear from a wider range of organisations and individuals with an interest in the work of the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office before I finalise my 2027-28 inspection programme.

I would therefore be grateful for any comments that you might have to help me determine my inspection programme for 2027-28.

Given the issues faced by the Criminal Justice System there are many aspects that would benefit from the external scrutiny of inspection. The attached list sets out a number of possible topics for inspection relating to the Crown Prosecution Service and Serious Fraud Office. Each has the potential to add value and drive improvement, however, HMCPsi has finite resource, and we will not be able to conduct inspections of all the proposals set out in the list. Given budget constraints it is likely that we will be able to conduct about eight inspections in 2027-28 together with one joint inspection with other criminal justice inspectorates. We also expect to undertake some limited follow-up activity to assess progress on implementation of our recommendations. The attached list identifies the inspections that I have currently prioritised for follow-up, subject to resources.

As the programme cannot include every proposed topic, I would particularly welcome your views on which areas should be given highest priority.

I also recognise that there are many aspects that do not feature in the attached list that may benefit from inspection. Before I finalise my plan, I am also keen to hear from consultees about other topics that you think would benefit from inspection. Any matters raised will be considered in my deliberations as I

finalise my 2027-28 inspection programme. For any new subjects you suggest, I would appreciate if you would include a short outline of why you think the topic should be inspected and why you consider it to be a priority.

To help me consider responses, please complete the online [form](#).

This will give you the opportunity to prioritise subjects and a space to suggest other inspection topics which would be of interest to you. I would welcome responses by **Friday 27 November 2026**.

I will publish a full programme of inspection in my 2027-28 Business Plan in March 2027.

Thank you in advance for any response and for your time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Rogers', with a stylized, cursive script.

Anthony Rogers
HM Chief Inspector