

## HMI Dru Sharpling's assessment of Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Hello, I'm Dru Sharpling and I'm Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Avon and Somerset. Our role is to inspect police forces on behalf of the public, and I am one of five inspectors appointed by the Queen. We are independent of government and police forces.

This year we are introducing a new way of inspecting the police and reporting our findings to you the public. We have called this approach the PEEL assessments, and this stands for police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy.

In relation to effectiveness, my assessment for Avon & Somerset Constabulary in 2014 is that in general, the force is good at reducing crime and preventing offending, good at investigating crime and good at tackling anti-social behaviour.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary has responded extremely effectively to its spending review challenge. It is looking to the longer term and is taking the necessary decisions today to ensure future sustainability.

The force is acting to achieve fairness and legitimacy in a limited number of the practices that we examined this year.

Next year we will be seeing how forces have responded to this assessment, and we will give them overall grades so that *you* can see, at a glance, how well *your* force is doing.