



Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Tom Winsor's introduction to PEEL

Hello. I am Tom Winsor and I am Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary.

The inspectorate inspects the police on behalf of the public and we are independent, both of Government and of police forces.

Policing costs you, the taxpayer, £13 billion in 2014/15 and you are entitled to know how well your money is being spent. The information we are publishing today will help you to know that and to hold the police to account for how well they are serving you.

Today we are launching the first of our new annual PEEL inspections which have been designed so that you, the public, can see, in as much depth as you like, how your force is performing, using our easy-to-navigate, interactive website.

PEEL stands for Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy and we've inspected all 43 police forces in England and Wales against those categories.

This year we have graded all forces on how efficient they are, with five forces being outstanding, 35 graded as good, three require improvement, and no forces considered to be inadequate.

We have also graded some aspects of effectiveness, without giving an overall judgment.

Next year will be the first full year of PEEL inspections, and all forces will be given a grading against each of the three categories. We'll be looking at how forces have improved in performance from this year.

As well as the detailed local information we are publishing today, we are also publishing our assessment of the overall state of policing, which raises important questions about how well the police prevent and reduce crime, how efficient they are and how far they act with integrity. Taken together, the local information and our national assessment give the fullest picture we have ever had of the state of policing in England and Wales.