

HMI Dru Sharpling's assessment of North Wales Police

Hello, I'm Dru Sharpling and I'm Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for North Wales Police. 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 North Wales Police in 2014 is that in general, the force is good at reducing crime and preventing offending and is good at tackling anti-social behaviour. However, it requires improvement in the way it investigates offending.

North Wales Police is on track to meet its spending review challenge and is financially well-placed to face further cuts.

The available evidence suggests that the force is acting to achieve fairness and legitimacy in some 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.