



## **Cleveland Police's approach to efficiency judged to be 'good' by HMIC**

In the second year of assessing police against the annual PEEL Efficiency inspection, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary examined how police forces use their resources now and how they plan to do so in the future in order to keep people safe and reduce crime.

Forces were inspected on how well they are able to forecast demand for their services now and in the longer term, and how they manage their resources, especially their officers and staff.

HMIC inspects all police forces in England and Wales on an annual basis against the themes of effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy.

### **This year, Cleveland Police was assessed to be:**

- **good at understanding current and planning for future demands, up to 2020;**
- **benefitting from collaborative working including with other forces and emergency services;**
- **developing its understanding of under reported crime, such as honour based violence and child sexual exploitation; and**
- **planning well for its financial future.**

### **HM Inspector of Constabulary Mike Cunningham said:**

"I am pleased that Cleveland Police has made improvements and can now be judged to be good at efficiently keeping people safe and reducing crime. During our inspection, we found that the force has a good understanding of demand and is developing its understanding of less obvious and hidden demand, such as under-reported crime in local communities.

"In particular, it is commendable that, since our last inspection in 2015, the force has gained a fuller understanding of its demand for services. I am impressed with the emphasis that the force is now shown to place on improving its response to 999 calls. This has had a positive impact on the response it was now able to provide to its communities.

“I am also pleased to find that the force continues to collaborate well with other blue light services, local authorities and private sector firms. This will be important for its future financial planning.

“Therefore, I am very pleased to judge Cleveland Police as ‘good’ overall at efficiently keeping the public safe and reducing crime.”

HMIC will report on its findings of all police forces’ legitimacy - the way that forces are fair and ethical - at the end of this year, and on the effectiveness of police forces in managing all aspects of crime in spring 2017.

### Notes to editors

1. Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) is an independent inspectorate, inspecting policing in the public interest, and assesses and reports on the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of police forces in tackling crime and terrorism, improve criminal justice and raise confidence. HMIC inspects all 43 police forces in England and Wales together with other major policing and law enforcement bodies.
2. As part of its annual inspections of police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL), HMIC’s Efficiency programme assessed and graded all 43 forces in England and Wales on how efficient they are at keeping people safe and reducing crime.
3. To answer this question we looked at three areas:
  1. How well does the force use its resources to meet demand?
  2. How sustainable and affordable is the workforce model?
  3. How sustainable is the force’s financial position for the short and long term?
4. Two of the 43 forces in England and Wales received an ‘outstanding’ grade in HMIC’s efficiency inspection (Durham and West Midlands).
5. Eight forces received a ‘requires improvement’ grade (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, City of London, Devon and Cornwall, Dyfed Powys, Humberside, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire Police).
6. The remaining 33 forces were judged as ‘good’.
7. No forces were judged to be ‘inadequate’.
8. In addition to an inspection report for each force, a national report, PEEL: Police Efficiency 2016 gives an overview of findings across England and Wales.
9. Last year (2015), five forces were ‘outstanding’ (Cheshire; Durham; Lancashire; Norfolk; and West Midlands). Eight forces received a ‘requires improvement’ grade (Bedfordshire; Cleveland; Dorset; Dyfed Powys; Lincolnshire; Northamptonshire; South Yorkshire; and Surrey). One force received an ‘inadequate’ grade (Humberside) and the remaining 29 forces were judged as ‘good’. These reports are available [on our website](#).
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