



## **Humberside Police's approach to efficiency judged 'requires improvement' 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, Humberside Police was found to:**

- **have some understanding of demand for its services, including 999 calls from the public and crime investigation;**
- **have made improvements to understanding which crimes and incidents can be prevented;**
- **need to develop better collaboration with other organisations; and**
- **need to establish and implement a plan for future efficiency within the next six months.**

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

"HMIC's most recent inspection to Humberside Police assessed the force as requiring improvement in how it efficiently keeps people safe and reduces crime. During our inspection, we found that the force has some understanding of demand for its services, but that more needs to be done.

"Humberside Police has taken steps to match officers and staff to demand from the public for their service however, I was disappointed to find that the numbers of officers were not always sufficient to attend priority incidents quickly. This means that sometimes the service to the public was below the standard set by the force.

"The force has made improvements in its efficiency since last year's inspection and I look forward to seeing future improvements.

“In particular, HMIC will also be interested to see how the force plans to reduce costs while at the same time working to better understand future demand. This is important for Humberside to be able to manage its finances appropriately in the longer term.

“I have judged Humberside Police as ‘requires improvement’ 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](#).
10. For further information, HMIC’s press office can be contacted during office hours from 8:30am – 5:00pm (GMT) Monday – Friday on 020 3513 0600.
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