



Leicestershire Police's approach to efficiency is judged 'good' by HMIC

In the second year of assessing police against the annual PEEL Efficiency inspection, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary inspected 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 predict 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, HMIC assessed that Leicestershire Police:

- **is good at understanding current and future demand;**
- **has made good use of systems to help identify and target resource at those communities most likely to suffer harm from crime;**
- **has demonstrated it works well with partners like local councils, and the health service with regard to managing future demands; and**
- **is developing credible workforce plans to support the force in becoming even more efficient.**

HM Inspector of Constabulary Zoë Billingham said:

"I am pleased that Leicestershire Police has continued to perform well in keeping the public safe and in reducing crime. During our inspection, we found that the force has built on previous good work to understand demand, something that we recommended following our 2015 inspection.

"I will be interested to see how Leicestershire Police will build on this hard work to make sure that the skills and capabilities of its workforce continue to meet the needs of the public.

"It is particularly welcome that Leicestershire Police has been collaborating so well with other forces in the East Midlands region. The force is also working well with local councils, health, probation, fire and ambulance services to provide a more seamless public service; to share information and to take a joined up approach to solving local problems and supporting troubled families.

“I am pleased that Leicestershire Police expects to increase spending on ever developing areas of policing such as child sexual exploitation and safeguarding.

“Overall, the force has shown that it is working hard to increase its efficiency and improve the services it provides. I am therefore pleased to judge Leicestershire Police as ‘good’ in terms of the efficiency with which it works to keep the public safe and reduce 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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