



Merseyside 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, Merseyside Police was assessed to:

- **have an excellent understanding of the current demand and uses its resources well to plan for future demand;**
- **work well in collaboration with other forces to deliver a good service; and**
- **have worked well to improve its knowledge of hidden crime, such as child sexual exploitation and broader child exploitation where gangs exploiting children and encouraging them to commit crime.**

HM Inspector of Constabulary Mike Cunningham said:

"I am pleased that this year's inspection showed that Merseyside Police continues to be good, with elements of outstanding, in terms of how it efficiently keeps people safe and reduces crime. We found that the force has an excellent understanding of the current demand on its services and is planning well for the future.

"I am particularly pleased to see that the force has a good knowledge of the public's expectations and used its resources well to meet that demand, with staff and officers who have the right skills and capabilities. This includes maintaining its strong commitment to neighbourhood policing.

"It is also commendable that the force continues to work well with the other emergency services in its area and collaborates closely with other forces to share skills and knowledge in order to provide a good service to the public.

"HMIC will be interested to see how the force develops work in understanding crimes that are less likely to be reported within local communities and also

how the use of a new operating model will improve the already strong service it provides to the public over the next few years.

“Based on these findings, I am pleased to judge Merseyside 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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