





Part 3: Our reports

36

reports published

Our reports

Between 1 April 2021 and 30 November 2021, we published 36 reports, which are all available on our website.

As well as our work with the 43 Home Office forces, and the other inspectorates, we carried out various other inspections. These are part of our statutory duties to inspect non-Home Office police forces and certain other law enforcement agencies. We gave our reports for these inspections to the relevant Secretaries of State. Except where national security considerations precluded it, these were then published on our website.

Information sources

The inspectors of constabulary obtain information about police forces in seven principal ways:

- in the police and crime plan in respect of each force, to enable them to understand the priorities of the local policing body;
- through in-force inspections (otherwise referred to as fieldwork), and the work which forces do to prepare for in-force inspections;
- through regular monitoring of and liaison with forces, primarily through the inspectorate's force liaison staff and the contacts maintained by inspectors of constabulary and force liaison leads with chief officers, local policing bodies and others;
- through the formal provision of information and documents requested of forces for the purposes of inspection (including their data returns to the inspectorate and their force management statements);
- from their annual data returns to the Home Office;
- from information provided by forces to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy in relation to the costs of individual and specific police functions such as investigations, call-handling, response and corporate support; and

- from information and intelligence available from sources outside policing, including in media reports, reports of proceedings in Parliament and local institutions, other regulatory bodies or inspectorates concerned with safeguarding and the prevention of crime and disorder or their consequences, academic bodies, public policy institutions (such as think tanks) and commentators, and official publications such as the Crime Survey of England and Wales.

Over the next few pages, we have listed our reports, along with:

- a short description of the inspection's focus;
- the names of the other inspectorates, if it was a joint inspection;
- the publication date; and
- the name(s) of Her Majesty's Inspector(s) (HMI) responsible for the inspection.

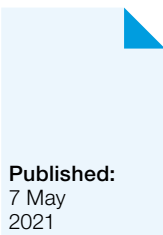


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Reports published

1 April 2021 to 30 November 2021

PEEL inspections



Published:
7 May
2021

PEEL: Dyfed-Powys Police cause of concern – crime data integrity

Accelerated cause of concern we issued to Dyfed-Powys Police because the force was failing to always record reported crimes and has failed to make improvements.

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

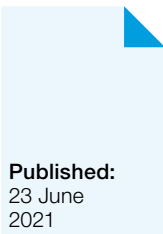


Published:
1 July
2021 –
3 September
2021

Cleveland Police causes of concern revisits

We revisited Cleveland Police to assess progress made against the five causes of concern we issued relating to workforce, ethics, crime prevention, public engagement and understanding demand.

Lead HMI: Andy Cooke

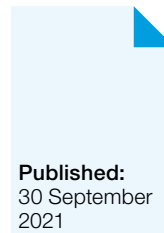


Published:
23 June
2021

Review of policing domestic abuse during the pandemic

This review expands on the findings in our recent policing COVID-19 report. It identifies good ways of doing things, as well as areas of innovative practice. It also makes three recommendations that are designed to make sure that forces continue to resolve the problems they face when policing domestic abuse during the pandemic.

Lead HMI: Zoë Billingham

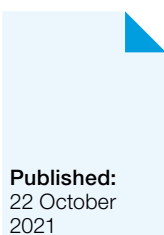


Published:
30 September
2021

PEEL: Greater Manchester Police cause of concern – responding to vulnerable people

Accelerated cause of concern we issued to Greater Manchester Police because the force's response to some vulnerable victims was inadequate. The force had also failed to make improvements.

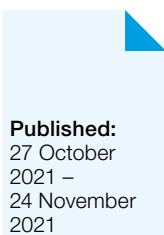
Lead HMI: Andy Cooke



Progress update on how forces are addressing our recommendations

The recommendations included in this first release are from our 2018/19 Integrated PEEL assessment inspection reports.

Lead HMI: Andy Cooke



Police efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy (PEEL) force reports

PEEL inspections of five forces.

Lead HMIs: Andy Cooke, Matt Parr, Roy Wilsher, Wendy Williams

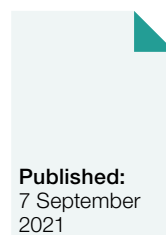
Child protection inspections



National Child Protection Inspections

Inspections, revisit inspections and post-inspection reviews of how the police protect children in six forces.

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

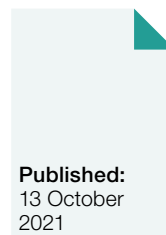


Blackpool youth offending services

Inspection of youth offending services in Blackpool.

Joint inspection with HMI Probation, Ofsted, Care Quality Commission

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams



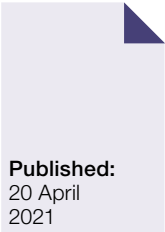
Neath Port Talbot Joint Inspectorate Review of Child Protection Arrangements

Joint inspections of child protection arrangements in Neath Port Talbot.

Joint inspections with Care Inspectorate Wales, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, HMI Probation, Estyn

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

Specialist inspections

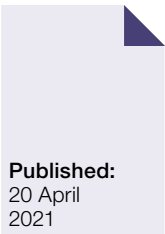


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2021

Policing in the pandemic – The police response to the coronavirus pandemic during 2020

Inspection of the police response to the pandemic between March and November 2020.

Lead HMI: Matt Parr

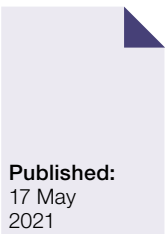


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Custody services in a COVID-19 environment

Inspection of how custody services operated in the context of the pandemic between March 2020 and November 2020.

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

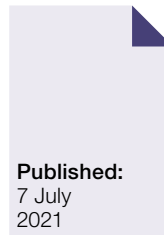


Published:
17 May
2021

An inspection into the Police Service of Northern Ireland's handling of the Bobby Storey funeral on 30 June 2020

We were commissioned to examine how the Police Service of Northern Ireland handled the funeral of Bobby Storey.

Lead HMI: Matt Parr

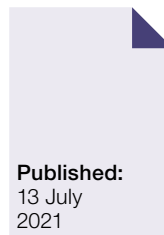


Published:
7 July
2021

Inspection into how effectively the police engage with women and girls – Interim report

This interim report sets out findings and recommendations from one part of this inspection, which focuses on how effectively the police respond to violence against women and girls. These are violent and high-harm crimes that disproportionately affect women and girls.

Lead HMI: Zoë Billingham

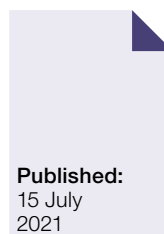


Published:
13 July
2021

National Crime Agency crime reduction function

This inspection, our eighth of the National Crime Agency, examines its crime reduction (investigations) function managed through its UK-wide branch network.

Lead HMI: Matt Parr



Published:
15 July
2021

Neurodiversity in the criminal justice system

Review of neurodiversity in the criminal justice system. The review focuses on screening, adjustments, interventions and training.

Joint inspection with HMI Prisons, HMI Probation

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

Published:
16 July
2021

A joint thematic inspection of the police and Crown Prosecution Service's response to rape – Phase one: From report to police or CPS decision to take no further action

This report focuses on rape cases where either the police or the Crown Prosecution Service made the decision to take no further action (that is, not to proceed with the case).

Joint inspection with HMCPSI

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

Published:
17 September
2021

Police response to violence against women and girls – Final inspection report

This report sets out findings from our inspection of how effectively the police respond to violence against women and girls. These are violent and high-harm crimes that disproportionately affect women and girls, such as domestic abuse, sexual violence, stalking and female genital mutilation.

Lead HMI: Zoë Billingham

Published:
5 August
2021

A review of 'Fraud: time to choose'

Revisit of our previous fraud inspection to see how the police service acted on the recommendations we made in that report.

Lead HMI: Matt Parr

Published:
17 November
2021

Mental health of defendants

This inspection followed the progress of individuals with mental health needs and disorders through the criminal justice system, from first contact with the police to release from prison.

Joint inspection with HMCPSI, Care Quality Commission, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, HMI Prisons

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

Published:
12 August
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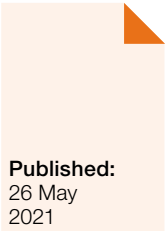
Unannounced inspection of police custody suites – Cleveland Police

Inspection of Cleveland Police's custody arrangements, to evaluate strategy, treatment and conditions, individual rights and healthcare of people.

Joint inspection with HMI Prisons

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

Non-inspection publications



Published:
26 May
2021

The hidden victims: Report on Hestia's super-complaint on the victims of modern slavery

Report investigating a super-complaint about how the police support victims of modern slavery.

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

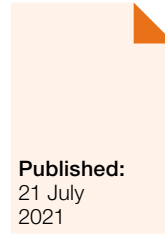


Published:
15 June
2021

HMICFRS strategy 2021-25

HMICFRS's strategy for 2021–2025. This explains what we aim to achieve as we fulfil our statutory objectives and how we will continue to use our powers, insight and influence to best effect.

Lead HMI:
Sir Thomas Winsor

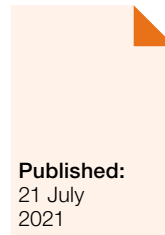


Published:
21 July
2021

State of Policing – The Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales 2020

Report on our inspections under section 54 of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011), including Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary's assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of police in England and Wales for 2020.

Lead HMI:
Sir Thomas Winsor



Published:
21 July
2021

Policing inspection programme and framework 2021/22

HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary's 2021/22 Inspection Programme and Framework – prepared under Schedule 4A to the Police Act 1996.

Lead HMI:
Sir Thomas Winsor

Published:
26 July
2021

Rape Monitoring Group data update

Every year, the Rape Monitoring Group publishes data on the 44 different force areas in England and Wales (the 43 Home Office-funded police forces and the British Transport Police). This data shows how cases of rape are dealt with at all stages of the criminal justice process.

Lead HMI: Wendy Williams

Published:
13 October
2021

Responses to our consultation on our proposed 2021/22 policing inspection programme and framework

This consultation sought views on whether our proposed programme covered the right themes and areas of policing.

Lead HMI:
Sir Thomas Winsor

Published:
24 August
2021

A duty to protect: Police use of protective measures in cases involving violence against women and girls

Report of an investigation of a super-complaint about the police's alleged failure to use protective measures to safeguard women and girls.

Lead HMI: Zoë Billingham

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Part 2

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