



Derbyshire Constabulary's approach to efficiency judged '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 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, Derbyshire Constabulary has been found to be:

- **good at using its resources to meet demand;**
- **achieving the benefits of collaborative working with other forces and making good use of new technology; and**
- **developing its understanding of under reported crime within the local communities**

HM Inspector of Constabulary Zoë Billingham said:

"For the second year running, we found Derbyshire Constabulary to be 'good' at managing its resources in order to keep people safe and to reduce crime.

"Derbyshire Constabulary has a good understanding of how to match its resources to meet crime and it has commissioned research to find out how best to meet demand in the future, including those crimes which are currently under-reported, such as human trafficking, modern slavery and domestic abuse.

"Derbyshire Constabulary is also investing in its people and processes so that it will be able to meet the challenges presented by cyber crime and safeguarding vulnerable people. Investment in technology will improve the service it offers by allowing officers to spend more time out in communities.

"Derbyshire Constabulary is able to make these investments in part because of careful management of its finances which has led to successful collaboration, both with neighbouring forces for areas such as counter-terrorism and serious and organised crime, but also with other partner organisations like local councils. Next year will see the opening of a headquarters shared with and developed in partnership with the fire and rescue service. Along with the shared working environment, this will

maximise future co-operation, for example, allowing both organisations to share an IT system.”

HMIC will report on its findings of police forces’ legitimacy, or 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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