

South Yorkshire 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 HMIC found South Yorkshire Police:

- **has some understanding of reactive demand;**
- **has a limited understanding of likely future demand for its services; and**
- **needs to carry out assessment of demand for the future to ensure that the public can receive the service they deserve.**

HM Inspector of Constabulary Mike Cunningham said:

"HMIC has judged South Yorkshire Police as 'requires improvement' in how it efficiently manages its resources and matches them to current and likely future demand.

"South Yorkshire Police does have a good understanding of current demand where it is responding to crime and incidents, but it has a limited understanding of how to work proactively to prevent crime occurring in the first place. The force's limited understanding of current and future demand, and of workforce capability, is adversely affecting the quality of services it currently provides.

"The force recognises that it must improve in this area and I am pleased to report that work has already started to address these issues. HMIC will want to be reassured that the force has robust plans in place to improve within the next three months and we will closely monitor its progress."

"Therefore, I have judged South Yorkshire Police as 'requires improvement' overall at efficiently keeping the public safe and reducing crime."
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](#).
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