



RESULTS OF THE INTERIM HMIC PEEL INSPECTION NOVEMBER 2014

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 PEEL is the programme in which Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) draws together evidence from its annual all-force inspections. The evidence is used to assess the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of the police. The effectiveness of a force is assessed in relation to how it carries out its responsibilities including cutting crime, protecting the vulnerable, tackling anti-social behaviour, and dealing with emergencies and other calls for service. Its efficiency is assessed in relation to how it provides value for money. Its legitimacy is assessed in relation to whether the force operates fairly, ethically and within the law.
- 1.2 In recent years, HMIC has undertaken inspections of specific subjects or services, known as thematic inspections. The interim PEEL assessment for 2014 is the first step away from a thematic approach and will be used to complement and contribute to PEEL annual assessments.
- 1.3 This should be seen as one of a number of tools that the public can use to understand the performance of West Yorkshire Police, including the PCC quarterly performance reports and www.police.uk.

2.0 WHAT ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN MADE?

- 2.1 HMIC makes an assessment of how well each force in England and Wales is performing against the following questions:

Effectiveness	Efficiency	Legitimacy
How effective is the force at preventing offending and reducing crime?	To what extent is the force efficient?	What are the public perceptions of the force?
How effective is the force at investigating offending?	To what extent is the force taking steps to ensure a secure financial position for the short and long term?	To what extent does the force respond to calls for service appropriately?
How effective is the force at tackling anti-social behaviour?	To what extent has the force got an affordable way of providing policing?	To what extent does the force ensure that the workforce act with integrity?
How effective is the force at protecting those at risk of harm?		To what extent are the data and information provided by the force of a high quality?
How effective is the force at tackling serious, organised and complex crime?		
How effective is the force at meeting its commitments under the Strategic Policing Requirement?		

2.2 Every force has been given a graded judgement for each of the efficiency questions and for the first three of the effectiveness questions, from options of outstanding, good, requires improvement, inadequate. The West Yorkshire assessment is as follows:

Question	Graded assessment
How effective is the force at preventing offending and reducing crime?	GOOD
How effective is the force at investigating offending?	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
How effective is the force at tackling anti-social behaviour?	GOOD
To what extent is the force efficient?	GOOD
To what extent is the force taking steps to ensure a secure financial position for the short and long term?	GOOD
To what extent has the force got an affordable way of providing policing?	GOOD

3.0 OVERALL SUMMARY

3.1 The following points were made in the introduction of the PEEL assessment:

- Excellent policing operation for Tour de France.
- Programme of Change developments providing good value for money.
- Despite major change and staffing reductions West Yorkshire Police continues to provide effective policing.
- Works well with partners and uses a range of preventative and diversionary tactics.
- Investigation of other crime types has suffered as a result of the focus on burglary.
- Quality of response for domestic abuse victims is an issue.
- There are issues with the approach to crime recording.
- There was a comment regarding all forces and the need to develop a better understanding of changing demands.

3.2 In particular HMIC is particularly interested to see developments around:

- Addressing the recommendations from the crime data integrity inspection report.
- Changes in operational performance, with the victim at the centre and a clear emphasis on crime prevention, reduction and investigation; and
- Continued implementation of its change programme, particularly in relation to mobile technology.

3.3 The PEEL inspection for West Yorkshire can be found at <http://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/west-yorkshire/> A copy of my response can be found at www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk

3.4 As part of the scrutiny process, I receive assurances from the police that it is taking reasonable steps to address recommendations from HMIC reports. With the crime and police integrity and corruption reports only recently being released the same day as the PEEL assessments I have spoken to the Chief Constable to ensure that actions to address the findings are already underway and action plans falling out of these will be considered at a future meeting with the Chief Constable.