

REPORT TO SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

1.	Meeting:	Police and Crime Panel
2.	Date:	16 December 2016
3.	Title:	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) Update
4.	Organisation:	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire

5. Summary

This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with information on the HMIC PEEL (Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy) inspection regime.

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Police and Crime Panel note the contents of this report and comment on any matters arising.

7. Details

7.1 Background

HMIC independently assesses police forces and policing across a wide range of policing activity.

HMIC decides on the depth, frequency and areas to inspect based upon their judgement about what is in the public interest. In certain circumstances inspections are jointly carried out with their colleagues in other inspectorates, such as prisons.

HMIC's annual inspection programme is subject to the approval of the Home Secretary in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act, 2011.

The inspectorate powers currently do not extend to the inspection of PCC's but HMIC can accept commissions from them for specific areas of work.

Most, if not all HMIC reports are made publically available thereby informing the public of the outcomes of inspection work carried out.

Section 55(5) of the 1996 Police Act requires PCCs to prepare comments on any of HMIC's published reports that relate to their force, and then publish these in the manner they see fit. Section 55(6) requires PCCs to send a copy of these comments to the Home Secretary.

7.2 PEEL Police Efficiency Inspection 2016

The Police Efficiency 2016 report was published on 3 November 2016. The inspection considered the extent to which the force is efficient at keeping people safe and reducing crime. The three questions considered by HMIC were:

1. How well does the force understand the current and likely future demand?
2. How well does the force use its resources to manage current demand?
3. How well is the force planning for demand in the future?

South Yorkshire Police has been assessed as requiring improvement in respect of the efficiency with which it keeps people safe and reduces crime.

Attached at Appendix A is the PCC and Chief Constable's response to the report.

7.3 PEEL Police Effectiveness Inspection 2016

The effectiveness inspection took place in South Yorkshire on 17 October. This will seek to give a rating on how effective South Yorkshire Police are at keeping people safe and reducing crime, previously the force were rated as requiring improvement. The Police Effectiveness Report will be published in Spring 2017.

7.4 Legitimacy and Leadership

On Thursday 8 December, HMIC will be publishing Legitimacy reports which make up its annual PEEL assessment of all 43 police forces in England and Wales. HMIC will also be publishing statements on Leadership in each of the 43 police forces.

The inspection is focused on how a force understands, develops and displays leadership through its organisational development and is based on the recent 'Guiding Principles' developed by the National Police Chiefs' Council, the College of Policing and HMIC.

Reports can be obtained from the HMIC website at <https://www.justiceinspectrates.gov.uk/hmic/>

7. Background Papers and Consultation

All background papers used in the preparation of this report are available for inspection at the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, Carbrook House, Carbrook Hall Road, Sheffield, S9 2EH

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