

HMIC INSPECTION: PEEL ASSESSMENT OF CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY

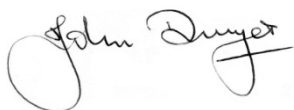
I refer to the assessment published as part of the police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy (PEEL) programme by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. I have considered these assessments and have discussed them with the Constabulary.

I am pleased that Her Majesty's Inspectors assessed the Constabulary as "good" in all areas where grades were awarded.

I particularly welcome the recognition of the Constabulary's work with partners to tackle problems such as anti-social behaviour, its strength in managing change, and the encouraging assessment of the Constabulary's financial plans, as well as the strong force leadership team who proactively model the highest levels of integrity, and professional behaviour. As part of my continued commitment to providing the people of Cheshire with an effective and efficient police service, I instigated a root and branch review of the Constabulary and this has now led to the achievement of significant savings and implementation of a new operating model to enhance neighbourhood policing and support victims.

I am gratified that Her Majesty's Inspectorate has found that I am well placed to meet the challenge set by the Government.

The Chief Constable and I remain committed to ensuring that victims are at the heart of policing and I am assured that when the Constabulary receives a call for help, that call is assessed and an appropriate response provided, with victims receiving the help and support they need. I wish to ensure that victims are placed at the heart of the Criminal Justice System and I am glad of HMIC's recognition of the victim centred approach in Cheshire and the commitment of staff to provide high quality policing services.



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