



Police and Crime Panel

DATE: Thursday 15th February 2024

Report of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - Summary of Durham Constabulary's PEEL 2023 Inspection Findings

1. PURPOSE

To present to the Police and Crime Panel an update in relation to Durham Constabulary's 2023 PEEL Inspection Findings.

2. BACKGROUND

The PEEL (Police Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Legitimacy) Programme is conducted by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Service (HMICFRS) and is the regular assessment of Police Forces in England and Wales.

The overarching purpose of HMICFRS is to make the public safer. The HMICFRS Strategy¹ outlines that the Inspectorate will achieve this by "*Being more proactive; Focusing on outcomes; Driving sustainable improvement; Promoting smarter systems.*"

Narrative and gradings are issued to forces against various areas of policing (PEEL Pillars), as specified in the PEEL Assessment Framework². The Framework outlines the PEEL Pillar questions, subsequent topic areas and the 'Characteristics of Good', that forces are assessed against. The gradings allocated for each PEEL Pillar are: Outstanding, Good, Adequate, Requires Improvement and Inadequate.

HMICFRS identify any areas for improvement (AFI), areas for consideration and causes for concern, as well as innovation and good practice throughout the Inspection process, against each PEEL Pillar.

Durham Constabulary was subject to assessment throughout 2023 and the final report was published on 17 November 2023³.

¹ HMICFRS Strategy 2023-27: <https://hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/publication-html/hmicfrs-strategy-2023-27/>

² PEEL Assessment Framework: [PEEL Assessment Framework \(PAF\) 2023–2025 \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](https://hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/publication-html/peel-assessment-framework-2023-27/)

³ Durham PEEL Assessment: <https://hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/publications/peel-assessment-2023-25-durham/>

3. UPDATE

On 15th February 2024 Chief Constable Rachel Bacon will attend Police and Crime Panel and give an overview of the PEEL report for Durham Constabulary for 2023. The attached slide pack will be presented to panel and will cover the following areas.

- National context for PEEL reports and grades
- Crime Data Integrity
- Treatment of the Public
- Prevention and Deterrence
- Responding to the Public
- Investigating Crime
- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Managing Offenders and Suspects
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Building, Supporting & Protecting Workforce
- Leadership and Force Management

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Panel are recommended to note the presentation and provide comment to Chief Constable Bacon at the meeting on 15th February.

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