

SURREY POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

PEEL Assessment Update 29th September 2015

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Police and Crime Panel on the PEEL assessment process 2015/16.

BACKGROUND

PEEL stands for the police effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy programme. PEEL is the programme in which Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) draws together evidence from its annual all-force inspections in order to assess the effectiveness, efficiency and legitimacy of the police. HMIC has introduced these assessments so that the public will be able to judge the performance of their force and policing as a whole.

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. Efficiency is assessed in relation to how it provides value for money and legitimacy is assessed in relation to whether the force operates fairly, ethically and within the law.

The evidence from inspections, together with the context within which forces operate, allows HMIC to make an assessment of each of the 43 police forces in England and Wales.

PEEL ASSESSMENT OF SURREY POLICE 2015/16

The PEEL assessment is carried out over a number of visits by HMIC. The inspections for Surrey are taking place between April and November 2015. Three main inspections will feed into the assessments:

- Leadership and Efficiency – April 2015
- Vulnerability including Child Protection – July 2015
- Effectiveness – September/ October 2015

The PCC, or a representative, is invited to attend the scene setting meeting for each inspection, is interviewed as appropriate and is invited to attend the de-brief given after each inspection. However, no formal report is received after each inspection. Instead all the information is collated for an overall PEEL assessment. This is due to be published in February 2016.

The HMIC has, however, recently announced that, due to public interest and the importance of protecting vulnerable people, this year the HMIC will be publishing the vulnerability aspect of the inspections for all forces in December 2015.

The previous PEEL assessment covering 2014/15 and published in February 2015 can be read online here: www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/surrey/

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the panel note the PEEL inspection update and timetable for reporting.

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