



## **Nottinghamshire Police's approach to efficiency judged to be 'good' - HMIC**

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary has inspected how efficiently Nottinghamshire Police operates. This inspection focused on the overall question, 'How efficient is the force at keeping people safe and reducing crime?'

### **Nottinghamshire Police:**

- **is good at using its resources to meet its demand; but**
- **requires improvement to its workforce model to ensure that it is sustainable and affordable; and**
- **has shown good planning for the short and long term.**

### **HM Inspector of Constabulary Zoë Billingham said:**

"HMIC found that Nottinghamshire Police is well prepared to face its future financial challenges, and we have judged the force as good.

"The force has balanced the budget and has a good track record of achieving savings, with plans to deliver most of its anticipated savings through to 2017/18. It has a good understanding of the demand on its services, and the force is introducing a new way of organising itself, its operating model, to ensure that it has the right staff and officers with the appropriate skills available to assist the public when needed.

"The force is engaged in innovative activity with partners to reduce demand; there is an ambitious partnership prevention programme which is important to delivering long-term change. Its joined up enforcement work with the City Council is particularly noteworthy. Council workers, police officers and staff work together to keep the city centre safe, looking to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour happening in the first place.

"Nottinghamshire is part of the successful five force East Midlands collaboration – an agreement which has been in place for a number of years, and which has contributed to the force being able to maintain front line policing and protect the public from some of the most serious organised crime threats.

“Most of the required savings by the force will be delivered by implementing the new operating model and by effective financial management, however, this will not be sufficient to deliver a balanced budget over the period; further savings will be necessary.”

<b>Force in numbers</b>	<b>Nottinghamshire Police</b>	<b>England and Wales</b>
Planned change in police officer numbers 31 March 2015 – 31 March 18	-18%	-6%
Planned proportion of police officers on the operational frontline 31 March 2018	95%	92%

## Notes to editors

- As part of its annual inspections of police efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy (PEEL), HMIC's Efficiency programme assessed and graded all 43 forces in England and Wales on how they maximise the outcomes from their available resources. Our inspection focused on the overall question, 'How efficient is the force at keeping people safe and reducing crime?' To answer this question we looked at three areas:
  - How well does the force use its resources to meet demand?
  - How sustainable and affordable is the workforce model?
  - How sustainable is the force's financial position for the short and long term?
- Five of the 43 forces in England and Wales received an 'outstanding' grade in HMIC's efficiency inspection (Cheshire; Durham; Lancashire; Norfolk; and West Midlands).
- Eight forces received a 'requires improvement' grade (Bedfordshire; Cleveland; Dorset; Dyfed Powys; Lincolnshire; Northamptonshire; South Yorkshire; and Surrey).
- One force received an 'inadequate' grade (Humberside).
- The remaining 29 forces were judged as 'good'.
- In addition to an inspection report for each force, a national report, PEEL: Police Efficiency 2015 gives an overview of findings across England and Wales. See <http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmic/publications/peel-police-efficiency-2015/>
- This report will be followed by reports into the remaining strands of the annual PEEL assessments - Effectiveness and Legitimacy - of all 43 police forces of England and Wales which will be published early in the spring. The judgments in this report will be counted towards the next HMIC PEEL assessment, published next year
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