

HMIC SUMMARY – JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

PEEL 2018/19

The West Mercia PEEL 2018/19 report was published in September 2019 with the inspection having taken place in January 2019 (with some follow up in July 2019).

There are four different assessment outcomes, outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate.

The overall assessment for West Mercia was “Requires Improvement”

The PEEL assessment is broken up into the pillars of Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy with sub categories within each.

Effectiveness

- 1) Preventing crime and tackling anti-social behaviour – Good
- 2) Investigating crime – Requires Improvement
- 3) Protecting vulnerable people – Requires Improvement
- 4) Tackling Serious and Organised Crime – Good

Efficiency

- 1) Meeting current demands and using resources - Requires Improvement
- 2) Planning for the future – Inadequate

Legitimacy

- 1) Fair treatment of the public – Requires Improvement
- 2) Ethical and lawful workforce behaviour – Good
- 3) Fair treatment of the workforce - Requires Improvement

Within the PEEL report there were a total of 14 recommendations and 14 areas for improvement (AFI).

There is work ongoing to address these with oversight from Chief Officers via relevant strategic groups. HMICFRS are engaged in this process and are regularly invited to observe in person the progress that has been made in addition to written updates being supplied via the National Monitoring Portal.

West Mercia currently have 90 open recommendations/AFIs on the National Monitoring Portal with these originating from both PEEL and thematic reports.

PEEL 2020

HMICFRS are yet to formalize a schedule for this year’s PEEL inspection. The PEEL process is under review and will adopt a new form of

assessment, this model will be one of continuous assessment with a more focused inspection then based on any areas they feel require greater attention.

This is due for launch in February/March 2020, however the final model may take 2 – 3 years to fully evolve.

The Crime and Date Integrity inspection will be integrated into this process and this will include victim service assessments that review the victim journey from point of report to the outcome of the crime investigation.

There is already some noticeable movement towards this model with greater interaction between the force and our Force Liaison Lead. This includes HMICFRS representation in meetings at a strategic level and insight work/reality testing on our Local Policing Areas (LPAs).

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PEEL spotlight report: Diverging under pressure - An overview of 2018/19 PEEL inspections

Both sides of the coin: An inspection of how the police and National Crime Agency consider vulnerable people who are both victims and offenders in 'county lines' drug offending

Evidence led domestic abuse prosecutions

Observations on the second force management statement submissions

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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