

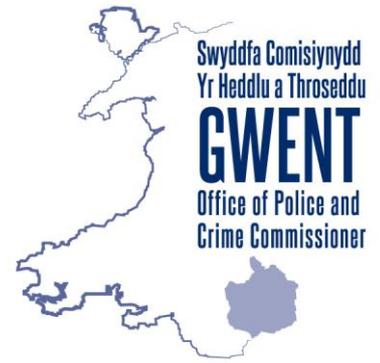
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19th February 2016

Dear Home Secretary,

HMIC Inspection: PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2015

As required by statute, I am writing to you with my comments on the HMIC report on PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome this report which reflects the progress made by Gwent Police in addressing the following key areas:

- How effective is the force at preventing crime and anti-social behaviour and keeping people safe?
- How effective is the force at investigating crime and managing offenders?
- How effective is the force at protecting from harm those who are vulnerable and supporting victims?
- How effective is the force at tackling serious and organised crime including its arrangements for fulfilling its national policing responsibilities?

I am pleased to see that HMIC has given Gwent Police an overall rating of 'Good' and that the report highlights that Gwent Police carry out 'high quality investigations', manages them effectively, and have made considerable progress since HMIC's inspection of crime in 2014.

Protecting people from serious harm is one of the key priorities in my police and crime plan and the Chief Constable and all officers and staff working for Gwent Police, have remained determined and focused on improving services to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. It is therefore significant that HMIC have recognised this concerted effort by finding Gwent Police to be effective in protecting those who are most vulnerable from harm.

I am confident that Gwent Police is in a good position in this area, however, both the Chief Constable and I realise that there is room for further improvement and we are fully

committed to making this happen by building on the findings of the report and continuing to work together with partners from our local communities.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Johnston'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ian Johnston QPM
Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

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Jeff Farrar, Chief Constable