

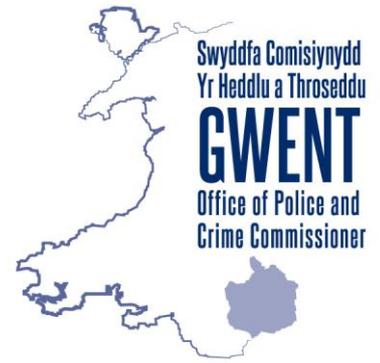
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19th February 2016

Dear Home Secretary,

HMIC Inspection: PEEL: Police Legitimacy 2015

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

- To what extent does practice and behaviour reinforce the wellbeing of staff and an ethical culture?
- How well does the force understand, engage with and treat fairly the people it serves to maintain and improve its legitimacy?
- To what extent are decisions taken on the use of stop and search and Taser fair and appropriate?

I am pleased to see that HMIC has given Gwent Police an overall rating of 'Good' but am especially satisfied to see that Gwent Police have been deemed 'Outstanding' in the way they engage with local communities and the way they use their range of methods to understand the needs of the local communities.

A large amount of work has been undertaken in an effort to improve in these areas since Gwent Police was deemed as 'requiring improvement' across the board by Inspectors eighteen months ago.

I would therefore like to commend the Chief Constable and his team for the strong leadership they have shown and also acknowledge that this outcome would not have been possible without the special efforts of all officers, staff, partners and volunteers that work together within the community.

I am confident that Gwent Police will continue to focus on maintaining and improving in these areas and hope that this report reassures the public of Gwent that their police force is in a good position moving forward.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Johnston', with a horizontal line underneath.

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