

# The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

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Dear



## **HMIC Police Effectiveness 2015 (February 2016 Report)**

I am pleased to present my comments in response to the above Report within the meaning of s55 (5) of the Police Act 1996. This letter will be copied to the Home Secretary and published on my website.

I welcome this second Report from HMIC which presents its findings on the effectiveness of Lincolnshire Police. I am pleased that HMIC has graded the Force as "Good" regarding how effective it is at preventing crime and anti-social behaviour, and keeping people safe. I am further reassured by the additional grading of "Good" for how effective the Force is at tackling serious and organised crime, including its arrangements for fulfilling its national policing responsibilities. These grades reflect the continuing drive from both the Chief Constable and I to improve the levels of service and protection provided to our communities.

However I do recognise that within an assessment that covers the entire gamut of policing activity there will be areas that need to be improved. I therefore accept the grading of "Requires improvement" for how effective the Force is at investigating crime and managing offenders. Although the Report identifies there has been improvement since 2014, I am very clear that more needs to be done to ensure that crimes are robustly investigated and offenders are managed more effectively.

How effective the Force is at protecting from harm those who are vulnerable and supporting victims received a "Requires improvement" grading, which I found disappointing. I did note that the Report states the Force generally provides a good service in identifying vulnerable people and that it responds well to them.

As with all inspection reports I have requested the Force sets out for me how they intend to address the areas for improvement highlighted by the Report and ultimately raise the overall grade of "Requires improvement" that it has achieved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Hardwick  
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cc: The Rt Hon Theresa May MP – Home Secretary  
CC Neil Rhodes – Lincolnshire Police