

**PCC response to HMICFRS report on the policing response to antisocial behaviour: PEEL spotlight report**

[The policing response to antisocial behaviour: PEEL spotlight report - His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services](https://hmicfrs.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/publications/policing-response-to-antisocial-behaviour/)

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**Executive Summary**

The HMICFRS PEEL Spotlight Report on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) provides valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities for improving policing responses to ASB across England and Wales. As Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, I welcome this report’s findings and its recommendations, which align closely with the priorities set out in my new Police and Crime Plan. My focus remains on ensuring effective oversight, fostering multi-agency collaboration, and supporting Thames Valley Police (TVP) in delivering sustainable improvements to ASB responses.

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| **Response**   1. **Oversight and Strategic Priorities** The report highlights inconsistencies in ASB recording, risk assessment, and frontline training. My Strategic Delivery Plan, which is under development, will ensure that these areas remain key focus points. Through oversight mechanisms such as my Performance and Accountability Meetings and other key scrutiny processes, I will monitor TVP’s progress against HMICFRS recommendations to drive continuous improvement. This includes:    * Ensuring robust risk assessment processes.    * Supporting investment in frontline training, particularly for neighbourhood policing teams.    * Encouraging the use of problem-solving plans that align with National Police Chiefs’ Council guidelines. 2. **Victim-Centric Approach** ASB often has profound impacts on victims, particularly vulnerable individuals and repeat victims. I am [committed to supporting](https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/our-work/crimefighters/anti-social-behaviour/) TVP in adopting a more victim-focused response. My office’s funding of the [Alternatives to Conflict](http://www.mediationbucks.org.uk/) mediation service exemplifies this commitment, providing victims with early resolution pathways and reducing reliance on statutory interventions. Ensuring referrals to this service remain streamlined and accessible is a key priority. 3. **Community Engagement and Collaboration** The report underlines the importance of collaboration with local authorities, housing associations, and community safety partners. I will continue to champion initiatives such as [ASB Awareness Week](https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/news/pcc-welcomes-week-of-activity-focused-on-asb/), which fosters public awareness and encourages shared responsibility for tackling ASB. My focus remains on building strong community partnerships to support TVP in delivering tailored, multi-agency responses. 4. **Future Focus on Data and Technology** The HMICFRS report identifies outdated IT systems and limited data-sharing capabilities as barriers to effective ASB management. I fully support TVP’s plans to address these challenges, including participation in the College of Policing’s pilot training programme. By harnessing predictive analytics and technology, TVP can improve hotspot identification and resource allocation, ensuring preventative measures are prioritised.   **Conclusion**  I welcome HMICFRS’s recommendations as an opportunity to enhance Thames Valley Police’s responses to ASB, ensuring alignment with the strategic priorities outlined in my Police and Crime Plan. Through strong oversight, collaborative initiatives, and a clear focus on victims, I am confident that Thames Valley Police will continue to address ASB effectively, improving outcomes for all residents across the region. |