



**POLICE & CRIME
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Your Communities - Your Commissioner

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Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary
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Dear Mr Wilsher,

I write to you in response to your inspection of the East Midlands regional response to serious and organised crime as part of the PEEL inspection, published on 2nd March 2023.

Upon reading the publication I was absolutely delighted to see the grading of 'outstanding' attributed to Leicestershire Police. This is an excellent achievement and proof that Leicestershire Police is among the best forces nationally for identifying and driving out serious and organised criminals.

The publication highlights that the force has an integrated approach and effectively manages serious organised crime with a whole-system approach. The involvement and leadership from the assistant chief constable from a strategic level combined with effective operational plans, the use of a trauma-informed approach, and allocations of Lead Responsible Officers among other measures are clearly incredibly effective forms of practice and just one of many results to be proud of in this report.

Other findings praised Leicestershire's innovative approach to identifying and tackling foreign national offenders, its use of analytical work to achieve successful outcomes, the work it undertakes with partners to prevent people from being drawn into organised crime and its effectiveness at pursuing organised criminals by targeting their assets. The report also touched on the force's excellent track record of securing convictions against organised crime groups by using only the analysis of telecommunications data.

I was further pleased to learn that Leicestershire Police swiftly rectified the two issues highlighted after the inspection – two new staff posts were added immediately following the inspection where it was noted that a large number of intelligence reports hadn't been processed due to low staff. This quick, effective response is reflective of Leicestershire Police's overall ability to respond to demand and allocate resources effectively.

This grading will provide reassurance and strengthen confidence with the public, and while I echo the Chief Constable's testaments that the good work doesn't end here, I understand that an incredible amount of commitment and hard work has been achieved so far to get Leicestershire the fantastic recognition that it so well deserves. I am grateful to every member of



this team for their contribution in making the streets of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland safer and will be sure to pass on my thanks and congratulations in our governance boards.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, I will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the public of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland on this subject as well as on other aspects of the provision of an effective and efficient police force. I would therefore like to thank you for the inspection that you have carried out and the reassurance that you have given.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rupert Matthews", with a long horizontal line underneath.

Rupert Matthews
Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland