

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 6th July 2020

MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS

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Executive Summary

This report sets out the current position with regard to communications relating to potential complaints received up to 31st May 2020 in relation to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Recommendation

That the update in relation to communications and complaints be noted.

Background and Advice

Since the commencement of the Panel in 2012 there have now been 81-recorded communications which at the outset were described by the complainants as complaints against the Police & Crime Commissioner, and 77 outcomes have been reported to previous meetings.

Many of these communications as reported previously however did/do not relate directly to the conduct of the PCC and therefore do not, under the terms of the governing regulations come under the jurisdiction of the Police & Crime Panel.

Many communications received focus on the alleged conduct of police officers or the chief constable, and these are matters for which there are other complaints processes and/or, appropriate authorities to deal with such matters.

Since the last meeting of the 4 complaints received, 1 was in respect of another police force area (78). The remaining 3 complaints were all received from the same complainant.

In respect of (79), this complaint related to allegations of maladministration by the Commissioner. This complainant being the same as (38), (57), (62), (63) & (77) reported previously. On initial assessment this resulted in no further action under the Police and Crime Panel Complaints Procedure. The same

complainant then made further allegations (80) and again on initial assessment this resulted in no further action under the Police and Crime Panel Complaints Procedure.

The same complainant then made further allegations (81) related to the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner's officers in the handling of their complaint about police officers conduct, which under the Police and Crime Panel complaints process was disallowed by the Secretary following initial assessment under the Police and Crime Panel Complaints Procedure.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Legal Implications

The procedures adopted by the Panel comply with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 which are issued under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 for the handling of complaints and matters concerning the conduct of the holders of the office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. It is proposed the handling of such complaints will be contained within existing resources.

Risk management

The requirement to monitor and record complaints against the PCC and DPCC is in accordance with the provisions of The Elected Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Contact/Directorate/Tel</u>
Agenda and Minutes from	November 2012	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Governance
Agenda and Minutes from	July 2014	David Fairclough HR, Legal & Governance

Agenda and Minutes from March 2016

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