

Agenda item

Police and Crime Panel

Meeting to be held on 20th July 2021

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 12th July 2021 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 92 recorded communications which at the outset were described by the complainants as complaints against the Police & Crime Commissioner, and 88 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, conduct of police investigations or that of 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 there has been 4 further complaints received. The first (89) was again related to the alleged conduct of a police officer or the conduct of individual police investigations for which there are other complaints processes and/or, appropriate authorities to deal with such matters. The second complaint received (90) was similarly found to be related to complaints about the `inactions` of the police in respect of an individual policing matter for which there are other complaints processes. The third (91) was related to an ongoing police complaints matter subject to appeal/review

under another process, and also included other allegations, which when asked for further details, the complainant did not provide, so the complaint was closed. The fourth (92) relates to a complaint in respect of a social media post, and this is currently being considered.

There have been no further complaints received up to the 12th July 2021.

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	David Fairclough

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