

COMPLAINTS UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Police and Crime Panel on complaints considered under the Complaints Procedure.

Information and Advice

2. The Police and Crime Panel is required to make suitable arrangements for handling complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner and his Deputy. Criminal complaints must be referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, while local arrangements are required for dealing with other complaints. The Panel adopted a complaints procedure in December 2012.
3. Since the last report to Panel in April 2014 three complaints have been addressed to the Police and Crime Panel. One of these complaints was re-directed to the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and one to Nottinghamshire Police Force. This was because they did not fall within the remit of the Panel's complaints procedure.
4. The third complaint related to the ongoing Police investigation into historical abuse in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and the performance of the Police and Crime Commissioner, his Deputy and his Chief Executive in holding the Chief Constable to account. The Monitoring Officer decided, in consultation with the Panel's Chairman, that no action should be taken by the Panel in relation to this complaint. This was to ensure that nothing was done that might prejudice the Police operation, or the independent review that is due to be carried out after the Police operation is concluded.

The matter clearly does not fall within the categories of complaint that must be reported to the Independent Police Complaints Commission as there is no evidence of criminal conduct. The complainant requested that the matter be referred to the IPCC and therefore both the complaint and our response has been sent for the purposes of completeness. It should be noted that this is not a formal referral however for the reasons stated above.

5. The Panel was also copied in to one complaint addressed to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. The complaint was against the Chief Constable and related to an operational policing matter; therefore it did not fall within the remit of the Panel's complaints procedure in any event.

Other Options Considered

6. The report is for noting only.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

7. The report is for noting only.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Police and Crime Panel note details of the complaints received in respect of the Police and Crime Commissioner and his Deputy since April 2014.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- 1) Complaints Procedure (published)

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