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1. The PCC raised an issue reported at the Force Strategic Management Board relating to the Crown Prosecution Service requiring to be in possession of medical witness statements before authorising charges in assault crimes. This in turn was leading to delays in charging and victim dissatisfaction. The CC outlined that this was a national issue and that she would provide further information on the current impact on the Force position.
2. The PCC outlined her requirements for the CC Delivery Plan as to how the CC would deliver policing as measured against her priorities. The CC agreed to undertake further work with her Chief Officers to meet the requirements.
3. The PCC raised the number of female arrests in Northumbria which was the highest in numbers in all police forces last year and set against the national average, is high. The CC was aware of this and agreed to undertake some further work to break down categories of offences and ages of those arrested to look for an understanding of what was behind this.
4. ACC Crime gave an update on the Mutual Aid requirement for the G8 Summit in Northern Ireland.
5. The CC provided a further update on the ongoing work around the handling of police complaints. The PCC has started her review of the successfully appealed complaints
6. ACC Crime provided a response to the HMIC Report on the Saville enquiry. ACC Crime outlined Northumbria as being one of 4 Forces that subscribe to the Police National Database and accordingly share all data immediately.
7. The CC outlined to the PCC the progress on NP's role as a member of the Early Adopter Scheme for an improved basis whereby persons in custody would have access to medically trained staff within Custody Suites. A full report into this project would be provided within 2 months.
8. ACC Crime updated the PCC on the escapee from St Nicholas Hospital and provided the action plan for the PCC to consider.
9. ACC Crime updated the PCC on a successful pro-active operation involving the arrest of persons conspiring to commit an armed robbery.
10. ACC Crime updated the PCC on a police operation into organised crime involving the seizure of a large quantity of cash, heroin and cocaine.
11. ACC Crime updated the PCC on a recent suspicious death investigation in Jesmond, Newcastle.