

Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police

12th November 2015 Start time 9:45am Finish 11.30am

Attendees: Vera Baird, CC Steve Ashman, DCC Winton Keenan, Elaine Snaith, Dean Lowery, Richard Heron, Mike Tait and Mike Mullen.

DCC Winton Keenan gave a verbal update in relation to ongoing work to prepare proposals to be considered for Police Innovation funding.

All work is on track to be completed within set timescales and several Northumbria Police departments are working together in assessing and finalising bids.

Mike Tait updated the PCC that the transfer of the Commissioning of Police Custody Healthcare to NHS England was on track following a recent meeting.

Further updates are to be provided in due course.

Richard Heron presented the Commissioner with a Section 22a Agreement in relation to the use of Durham Constabulary's Scientific Support Services by Northumbria Police.

The agreement would result finger print enhancement services being carried out in a purpose built and accredited facility shared by both Northumbria Police and Durham Constabulary.

Following advice and recommendations both the Commissioner and Chief Constable agreed to sign the Section 22a agreement.

Richard Heron provided an update in relation to a provisional framework section 22a agreement between the seven northern forces of Northumbria, Durham, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, Humberside and South Yorkshire in relation to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) functions.

This would see a collaborative approach to the CBRN by all of the seven forces listed above and managed by a regional CBRN board.

There are several sub functional agreements which are still to be finalized and updates were to be provided once these have been received.