

15 February, 2013 - Meeting with Northumbria Chief Constable

1. The CC outlined her concerns to the PCC about the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) in that it did not fully support operational policing and would effect the future effectiveness of Northumbria Police. It was agreed to review the MTFS in line with the concerns expressed.
2. The PCC outlined the emerging priorities for the Police and Crime Plan and sought the views of the CC. The CC confirmed that the priorities were in line with hers and she outlined examples of what delivery work the police would undertake to meet them. The CC outlined the result of a specific piece of work she had commissioned to seek ways of improving the police response to anti-social behaviour.
3. The CC outlined an early consideration around collaboration and sought approval to continue. The proposal was for the Northumbria police Occupational Health Unit currently based at Force HQ, Ponteland to be co located at Newcastle Civic Centre Occupational Health Department. Agreement was given to consider this option and scope other alternatives.
4. The CC updated the PCC on the work being undertaken to further police complaints mediation. Also the proposal from the Home Secretary that police officers currently within Professional Standards Departments be seconded to the IPCC to assist with increasing demand that the IPCC is unable to meet.
5. The PCC sought information from the CC on what work the Force had undertaken with local authorities around the late Night Levy. The CC agreed to provide a report on the work undertaken.
6. An operational update was provided by ACC Crime:
 - The escapee from St. Nicholas Hospital – a full report with recommendations would follow.
 - A Force review of the handling of Domestic Violence incidents had been undertaken. ACC Crime was confident that officers were dealing with DV incidents correctly. The PCC stated that she would consider the report and seek further information.
 - An update on two recent protest demonstrations in Newcastle on 'The Cuts' and The English Defence League march through Berwick upon Tweed. Both had passed peacefully without incident.
 - An update on the national requirement for all forces to provide mutual aid to the G8 summit in Northern Ireland.