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1. The PCC informed the CC that she had completed her review of the 78 police complaints which made up the 53% of complaints subject of comment, last year, by the IPCC and the Home Affairs Select Committee and that she would provide recommendations to the CC in due course.

The PCC also outlined the current position on recruiting members of the public to act as independent auditors of police complaints and how that independent committee would undertake their role once set up.

2. The CC updated the PCC on the forthcoming G8 Summit in Northern Ireland policing requirements. Further specialist officers had been requested and issues around risk and training were still in negotiation.
3. The CC updated the PCC that previous concerns about the CPS requirement for medical statements in all assault cases was being monitored for 3 months and she would report on conclusion.
4. The CC updated the PCC on the current position with the Ambulance Service response delays. South Tyneside appeared to be an area of particular concern. Further meetings were arranged with the Ambulance Service Executive.
5. C/Supt Crime provided an update on recent serious crimes in Newcastle and the police response. The PCC updated that she was meeting with Newcastle Council and the Newcastle Police Commander to look at partnership issues around vulnerability in the night time economy. A strategy was being developed with all stakeholders fully engaged.
6. The PCC raised the issue of the policing of events and in what circumstances would the police levy charges on the event organisers. The CC updated as to the historic and current position.
7. The PCC informed the CC that she would be meeting with Sunderland Football Club to discuss the previous Northumbria Police Authority charging police for the policing of football matches. A further briefing would be required post meeting.
8. The CC updated the PCC on the Newcastle v Sunderland Derby Match and the subsequent criminal investigation into offences committed on the day.
9. The CC updated the PCC on the forthcoming Newcastle EDL protest. The Gold and Silver Police Commanders were in regular meetings with the event organisers and interested parties.