

30 April, 2013 – Meeting with Northumbria Chief Constable & Deputy Chief Constable

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1. The PCC briefly outlined to the CC her provisional findings from her review of the 78 upheld police complaints subject of the Home Affairs Select Committee review. The PCC notified the CC that she would be reporting her findings in full shortly. The PCC and CC agreed that they would look to hold a regular police complaints review meeting once the findings are published.
2. The CC updated the PCC on the forthcoming HMIC inspection of Northumbria; “Valuing the Police 3” and that the PCC and CC would be meeting the HMI Roger Baker as part of that process. The CC agreed to provide a briefing to the PCC based upon the Northumbria Police submission to HMIC prior to the inspection.
3. The PCC updated the CC that she would be publishing her findings into the Westwater escape from St Nicholas Hospital and then intended to publish the same to the public via her website and through the media.
4. The PCC discussed with the CC the subject of the night time economy in Newcastle City Centre and its links to the vulnerability of women and male sexual predators. It was agreed that work would continue around a police/partnership response and that the PCC would provide guidance in the response to those areas and input into the training of police/partners and the Security Industry Authority (SIA).
5. The PCC updated the CC on the APCC/APACE advice received thus far around the Police reform and Social Responsibility Act requirement for Stage 2 transfer. Both the PCC and CC agreed that discussions and action was required ASAP and that both were scoping the work required separately and jointly at present. This work would escalate and receive greater prominence in the very near future.
6. The PCC required an update from the CC on the current status of 17 year olds who come into police custody following the High Court decision that treating 17 year olds in the same way as adults was unlawful. The CC outlined that despite the fact that they are technically adults, if the detainee requires an appropriate adult to be notified of their detention then this is done. Likewise if they do not wish an adult to be notified then it is not. This policy reflects the wishes of the detained person.

It was agreed that Northumbria Police would write to the Youth Justice Board outlining this change in policy.

7. The PCC raised the future structure and reporting of the Northumbria Strategic Management Board (SMB) and that of the new meeting of the operational commanders at the Operational Policing Review (OPR).

The CC outlined that she would continue to chair the SMB and that it would continue to be subjected to rigorous scrutiny by her. The OPR would be chaired by DCC Ashman and tactical performance would be discussed in greater detail not appropriate for the SMB. The PCC would continue to attend the SMB and would monitor the level of scrutiny against the Police and Crime Plan.

8. The DCC updated the PCC on two recent domestic homicides (Christine Baker and Heather Arthur). One in Cramlington and one in Gosforth.

9. The DCC updated the PCC on the findings of the Coroner's Inquest into the death of Jenna Latham and that a letter was awaited from the Coroner who had recorded a verdict of Misadventure.

The DCC was required to provide an update on historic cases of deaths following police contact pre November 2012 that had not been to inquest. This was to update the PCC on outstanding cases of public interest requiring scrutiny.