

9 January, 2013 - Meeting with Northumbria Chief Constable

1. Over the xmas period the PCC had been concerned over the levels of violent crime in Northumbria as reported in the media. The CC had been required to provide a briefing.

The briefing was provided and a full breakdown of violent crime and resulting outcomes given to the satisfaction of the PCC.

2. The CC gave a briefing on the police response to an inmate escape from St. Nicholas psychiatric hospital. Significant public concern had been outlined in the media.

An outline was provided on what communication and agreement had been made between the hospital senior management and her chief officers. A further update would be provided at the conclusion of discussions.

3. A briefing was provided by the CC into a shooting in North Tyneside. Details of the proposed police operation in response to the shooting was given with a suggestion as to regular PCC updates given the public safety implications involved. This was agreed.

4. The DCC provided the previously agreed briefing into the IPCC report 'The abuse of police powers to perpetuate sexual violence.' Detail of the Northumbria Police action plan in response to the report was given line by line together with practical examples of how procedures had changed.

A broader discussion followed with reference to the Levison and Hillsborough reports and the implications for Northumbria Police.

5. The DCC provided the previously agreed update into the Northumbria Police Review of Custody Suites. The action plan was discussed which included training implications for Custody and Detention Officers, the updating of the custody procedure manual and the implications for the PCCs Independent Custody Visitors.

6. The DCC provided a briefing on a vexatious complainant to the PCC.

7. The CC provided details of the Northumbria police Domestic Violence campaign. There had been an expected 25% increase of domestic violence reports over the xmas period and a full evaluation of the campaign would follow.