

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

COMPLAINTS REPORT

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Panel with an update on complaints made against the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner during the period 1 October 2019 to 31 May 2020.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Panel has statutory responsibilities under the Elected Local Policing (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 for handling and recording complaints about the conduct of the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2.2 At the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 6 February 2013, members discussed the issue of complaints. The Panel felt that there needed to be a separation of powers, so that the receipt and handling of complaints is not dealt with by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, but by the Police and Crime Panel.
- 2.3 Information about the Panel's complaint handling role and how to make a complaint is set out on the Panel's web site www.northlincs.gov.uk.
- 2.4 In the absence of any provision or guidance regarding who should handle a complaint made against the Panel itself, it should be noted that each elected Panel Member is subject to their respective appointing Authority's Codes of Conduct. The two independent co-opted members of the Panel have adopted the Code of Conduct of the host authority (North Lincolnshire Council).

3. SUMMARY OF CASES RECEIVED

- 3.1 During the period 1 October 2019 to 31 May 2020, no new complaints had been received against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4. SUMMARY OF CASES RESOLVED

- 4.1 HPCP/13 – Complaint received following an incident that occurred at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Complaint referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) for determination.
- 4.2 The Independent Office for Police Conduct examined the complaint and, after an extensive investigation, agreed to take no further action
- 4.3 In accordance with the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012, the IOPC is required to publish the investigation report. The name of the complainant and the witnesses have been redacted in the report.
- 4.4 Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the IOPC is not currently publishing its investigation reports due to the impact this could have on already stretched police resources.

5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRESS ENQUIRIES

- 5.1 There have been no Freedom of Information requests received. There have been fourteen press enquiries and 3 other questions from members of the public and neighbouring local authorities

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the report be noted.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012
Local Government Association Guidance Document on Handling Complaints about the Police and Crime Commissioner and their Deputy (December 2012)