

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Panel</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Complaints Update</b>

### **4. Summary**

To update the panel on the number of complaints received and the handling of complaints since the last report.

### **5. Recommendations**

That the panel notes the actions that have been taken in respect of complaints received.

### **6. Proposals and Details**

6.1 It was reported to the last meeting of the Panel that the two complaints received in respect of the previous Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) have been referred to the Clerk to the Home Affairs Select Committee. The Panel has now been informed that the matters have now been referred to the Metropolitan Police, by the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC). After taking legal advice the HASC concluded that the allegations referred to (deliberately misleading the Committee) would if proved constitute a criminal offence, which is contrary to the conclusion of the IPCC. The progress of the matter will be reported back to a future meeting of the Panel.

6.3 A Complaint has been received whereby the complainant is dissatisfied with how South Yorkshire Police (SYP) have dealt with his complaint. He appealed their decision to the IPCC who upheld SYP's decision. The complainant then wrote to the PCC. The initial complaint relates to how a crime is recorded.

6.4 The PCC is not responsible for complaints against officers and staff of SYP or for operational matters, these are the responsibility of the Chief Constable. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner initially wrote to the Complainant explaining that there was nothing further that the PCC could do to assist him in the matter, but the Complainant was dissatisfied with that response, and as such submitted a complaint. A review has been carried out by the OPCC as to whether the correct policies and procedures have been followed. The outcome of this review and further information as to the recording of criminal offences has been provided to the complainant. Confirmation from the complainant is awaited that this satisfactorily concludes the matter.

### **7. Finance**

None

## **8. Risks and Uncertainties**

None

## **9. Background Papers and Consultation**

Files and correspondence held by the Legal Adviser.

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