

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 February 2021 to 31 October 2021.

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 February 2021 to 5 May 2021, there were no complaints submitted against the former Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 3.2 During the period 6 May 2021 to 31 October 2021, there have been two complaints submitted against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

- 3.3 Both complaints relate to individuals who had submitted complaints against Humberside Police, with the outcome of the complaint referred to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for consideration. Following a review by the OPCC, the final decision was to take no further action. The complainants had subsequently complained to the Police and Crime Panel.
- 3.4 Both complainants had been informed that the decision of the OPCC could not be challenged or further escalated by means of complaint. The only recourse to each complainant was to lodge a judicial review.

4. SUMMAY OF CASES RESOLVED

- 4.1 There were no outstanding complaints against the Police and Crime Commissioner.

5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRESS ENQUIRIES

- 5.1 There have been no Freedom of Information requests received. There have been seven press enquiries and 1 other question from a member 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)