

HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL – 8 JULY 2022

PUBLIC QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 31A OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. The latest IOPC bulletin shows that the PCC is dealing with Complaint appeal/reviews in half the time (21 days vs 42 days) than comparable Forces. This potentially indicates that the quality of these PCC reviews may be less than that of comparable Forces if only half of the average time is being spent on them. I am asking the Panel to use their powers under rule 20 to request that the PCC provide an answer as to what the root cause of this exceptionally quick review time is and provide reassurance that all Laws and guidelines are, and have always been fully adhered to.
2. The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Amendment) Order 2021: guidance for police and crime commissioners requires that PCCs must publish the most recent IOPC quarterly complaints data for their force and the IOPC annual statistics report, alongside a narrative setting out how the PCC is holding the chief officer to account, and the PCC's assessment of their own performance in carrying out their other complaints handling functions. Although a generic narrative has been published, there is no reference to the performance data contained in the IOPC complaints bulletin thereby not fulfilling the statutory obligation, or indeed the purpose as set out in the Order. E.g. I would expect to see commentary on how the PCC is holding the chief officer to account when the latest bulletin shows that Hampshire Constabulary have not conducted a single investigation of the 1536 complaint allegations made against them in 2020/2021. I am asking the Panel to use their powers under rule 20 to request that the PCC fulfils her statutory obligations under this Order and provides the required narrative on the IOPC quarterly complaints data for this area.