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DECEMBER ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION

Director General of the National Crime Agency Graeme Biggar joined the December Accountability session with the Chief Constable. Questions from Members focused on operations in support of the PSNI.

You can keep up to date with all the issues at the December meeting here:

Watch the next Board Accountability Meeting on Thursday 2 February 2023 at 11:00

NEW BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR APPOINTED

On 1 December 2022, Deirdre Toner was appointed as the Board's new Chair and Edgar Jardine as Vice Chair. Three new Members, Les Allamby, Kate Laverty & Peter Osborne joined the Board.



Pictured above at their first formal meeting are I-r Deputy Chief Constable Mark Hamilton, Chief Operating Officer Pamela McCreedy, Board Chair Deirdre Toner, Chief Constable Simon Byrne, Vice Chair Edgar Jardine and Chief Executive Sinead Simpson.

OUT AND ABOUT

It was good to be out & about again on a visit to Newry, Mourne and Down District to meet with & hear from some of the officers working in the area & local Policing Teams.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful holiday period, and a special thanks to all those who contribute to our work throughout the year.



SAVE THE DATE

On Wednesday 18th January 2023 the Board will be publishing two new reports on Human Rights.

NEW REPORTS PUBLISHED

As a result of concerns raised around Professional Standards within the PSNI & officer behaviours, the Board brought additional scrutiny to the handling of misconduct investigations. Six recommendations for improvement have been made.



In the first of its kind, the Board has published a review conducted into the Human Rights of Police Officers and Staff. Examining the following six key themes a number of recommendations have been made:

- ▶ The Right to Life/Protection from Harm;
- ▶ Prohibition of Ill-Treatment;
- ▶ Right to Fair Trial, Due Process/ Minimise Delay;
- ▶ The Right to Privacy;
- ▶ Freedom of Expression/Association; and
- ▶ Freedom from Discrimination



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