

MARCH ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION

At the March 2022 Board meeting questions were raised on a Public Interest Immunity Certificate application for the Noah Donohoe inquest, making surplus equipment available to Ukraine, issues of relevance to NI in the Strategic Review of Policing, implementation of the PSNI Violence against Women and Girls Strategy, resource implications for tackling Domestic Abuse, testing liability in compensation settlements and the use of force on children & young people.

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

Next Accountability session will be post the 5 May elections, date to be confirmed.



USE OF SPIT AND BITE GUARDS

The Policing Board has published a report by its Human Rights Advisor on the PSNI's use of Spit and Bite Guards.

This report considers all relevant information and provides a human rights assessment of the application of Spit and Bite Guards. It also reviews all the current evidence, safe-guards and protections and makes a number of recommendations in relation to training and guidance.

The Report was considered by the Board at its meeting on 3 February 2022. The Board now accepts the continued use of Spit and Bite Guards by the PSNI subject to the agreement of a governance framework that it will review on a regular basis. The Board has agreed that in developing such a framework, the Chief Constable should be mindful of key elements within the Advisor's report including:

- The use on children and other vulnerable people;
- The possibility of greater opportunities for de-escalation;
- The use once a suspect has already been restrained; and
- Officer training and differences in use in relation to community background.

£199K AWARDED FROM POLICE PROPERTY FUND



(l-r) Announcing the award of £199k from the Police Property Fund Grant Scheme are Policing Board Partnership Committee Chair Dolores Kelly MLA, Board Chair Doug Garrett and Assistant Chief Constable Bobby Singleton.

The Northern Ireland Policing Board has announced the award of £199k in the first round of grants from The Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme, with a further £100k up for award in the second call for applications.

The £199k of Grants Awarded from Call 1 will fund 31 projects from across Northern Ireland with each receiving grants of between £1000 and £10,000. Tackling issues such as anti-social behaviour, mental health and addiction, training search and rescue volunteers, engaging young people, older people, each of the projects are grounded in the community and work closely with the Police Service of Northern Ireland PSNI and local Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs).



NEW OFFICERS WELCOMED

At the February 2022 Attestation, 30 new officers were welcomed into the Service. The new officers were looking very smart in the new and more practical uniform.

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