

# POLICING MATTERS

WWW.NIPOLICINGBOARD.ORG.UK

ISSUE 54

FEB  
26

The Board Vice Chair, Chair, new Independent Human Rights Advisor and Chief Executive

## POLICING MATTERS FEBRUARY 2026

At the first meeting in public of 2026 the Chief Constable gave Members his report against **Policing Plan 2025-2030** outcome 3: PSNI has a valued, representative and enabled workforce. Questions followed, covering a wide range of issues including biometric data, immigration enforcement and firearms access.

YOU CAN FIND AND LISTEN TO ALL THE QUESTIONS ASKED HERE

### HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISOR APPOINTMENT

The Board has appointed Aonghus Kelly as its new Human Rights Advisor.

[READ MORE](#)

### CJI NI INSPECTION PROGRAMME CONSULTATION

Our Chair, Vice Chair & Performance Director met with Criminal Justice Inspectorate Chief and Deputy Chief Inspectors Jacqui Durkin and James Corrigan, as well as Lead Inspector Dr Roisin Devlin this month to consult on their 2026-27 Inspection Programme and the Follow Up Review to CJI NI's Child Sexual Exploitation report.



The Board Chair, Performance Director, Vice Chair, CJI NI Chief Inspector, Lead Inspector and Deputy Chief Inspector.

### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Our Chair Mukesh Sharma joined with others at events marking both Holocaust Memorial Day and India's Republic Day this month.



Board Chair with Acting Consul General Mr Krishna, Mrs Krishna and DCC Singleton at the event in Belfast



Board Chair with Dame Fionnula Jay-O'Boyle, Belfast Lord Mayor Cllr Kelly and DCC Singleton at the Holocaust Memorial Event

### ATTESTATION

Our Chair was delighted to join with the Chief Constable to welcome PSNI newest officers at their Attestation Ceremony. We wish all well in their service to the community.



The Chair and Chief Constable with newly attested officers

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

[Watch the Chair's opening remarks](#)

[Watch the Chief Constable's opening remarks](#)

[Read the Chief Constable's Report](#)

[Read written Questions](#)

Next meeting in public:  
Thursday 5 March 2026

[Listen to Oral questions from Board Members](#)

### INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY OBSERVERS ANNUAL REPORT

Our Independent Community Observers made 35 visits to assessment centres during the last round of PSNI recruitment, observing 157 roleplays and 35 Sergeants' briefings.



[READ THEIR REPORT ON THE LATEST CAMPAIGN](#)

### DISTRICT VISITS

Our Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive visited Fermanagh & Omagh PSNI this month to learn about the work that officers and staff undertake to police their District, as well as their partnership work with the local PCSP. Thanks to T/Supt Pete Cunningham and his team for having us!



The Board Chief Executive, T/Supt Pete Cunningham, PCSP Chair Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, Board Chair Mukesh Sharma, Board Vice Chair Brendan Mullan and Ch Insp Scott Fallis.

Read Board and Committee minutes and new publications here:

[Publications](#)

[Committee Minutes](#)

[Board Minutes](#)