

POLICING MATTERS

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The Chair, First Minister, deputy First Minister and Chief Constable at a press conference at Stormont.

POLICING SUPPORT WELCOMED

The Board welcomed support voiced for policing following the recent attack at Dunmurry Police Station. Board Members praised the professionalism and bravery of officers and staff who stepped forward to ensure everyone's safety.

POLICING MATTERS MAY 2026

Our May 2026 meeting in public focused on the findings and recommendations of the Katie Simpson Review, cultural misogyny within PSNI and organisational changes now needed arising from this review and other recent reports.

[FIND AND LISTEN TO ALL THE QUESTIONS ASKED HERE](#)

[READ OUR MAY 2026 ISSUES UPDATE](#)

HMICFRS

Our Chair, Vice Chair, Chief Executive and Performance Director had a constructive discussion with HMI Lee Freeman and HMICFRS Inspection Lead Paul Hesketh. They covered the 2025/26 HMICFRS Inspection of PSNI, future changes to the inspection programme for policing, and the commissioning process going forward.



Pictured at the meeting with the Board Chair Brendan Mullan, Vice Chair Mukesh Sharma, Chief Executive Sinead Simpson and Director of Performance Adrian McNamee are Lee Freeman and Paul Hesketh HMICFRS.

IRC MEETING

Our Chair, Vice Chair, Chief Executive and Members met with the Independent Reporting Commissioners this month to talk about the findings from their latest report, ongoing work to tackle paramilitarism within communities and the importance of investing in local and neighbourhood policing teams.



Board Chair, Vice Chair, Chief Executive and Members with the IRC Commissioners.

WILKOMMEN!

Independent Members Les Allamby and Kate Laverty hosted a group of trade union representatives from Germany this month. The Union has been visiting the Board for ten years to learn more about our role, work, and history as part of a wider cultural experience for its members.



The trade union members with Les Allamby and Kate Laverty.

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

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

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

[Read the Chief Constable's accountability report](#)

[Read and listen to Members' questions](#)

Next meeting in public: Thursday 4 June 2026

VOLUNTEER INDUCTION

Our volunteer Independent Community Observers had their induction at Newforge this month with ACO Claire Duffield. ICOs help us monitor parts of the PSNI recruitment process for police officers.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Independent Community Observers at the Induction Session with Board Staff and ACO Claire Duffield from PSNI.

CROSS-BORDER WORKING

Our Vice Chair Mukesh Sharma was delighted to speak at the PSNI and An Garda Síochána Cross Border Conference to highlight the strong working relations between the two Services in responding to cross border crime and criminality.



AC Richardson, Board Vice Chair Mukesh Sharma and ACC Henderson at the Cross Border Local Policing Conference

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