

**NOTE OF PSNI BRIEFING TO BOARD MEMBERS ON ONGOING DISORDER
11 JUNE 2026
9:30AM**

**MEMBERS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Brendan Mullan (Chair)

Mr Mukesh Sharma (Vice-Chair)
Ms Cheryl Brownlee MLA
Mrs Marian Cree *
Miss Nuala McAllister MLA
Mr Tommy O'Reilly
Mr Les Allamby
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
Mrs Linda Dillon MLA
Mr Gerry Kelly MLA
Mr Patrick Nelson *
Ms Deirdre Hargey MLA
Dr Kate Lavery
Mr Colin McGrath MLA
Mr Peter Osborne*
Mr Peter McReynolds*

**POLICE SERVICE
OF NORTHERN
IRELAND IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Jon Boutcher, Chief Constable
(1) Mr Bobby Singleton, Deputy Chief Constable

**NORTHERN
IRELAND
POLICING BOARD
OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs Sinead Simpson, Chief Executive
Mr Adrian McNamee, Director of Performance
Mr Sam Hagen, Director of Resources
One Official

**OTHER OFFICIALS
IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Aonghus Kelly, Human Rights Advisor

* Attended via video conference

(1) DCC left the meeting at 10:40am

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable for their attendance and invited the Chief Constable to brief Members.

The Chief Constable provided an overview of events from the initial call to the PSNI on the evening of Monday 8 June, officers' arrival on the scene and arrest of an individual. Members were provided with an update on the victim's current condition and were advised he remains in hospital in a serious condition.

In respect of the alleged perpetrator, Members were updated on:

- Initial reports that the PSNI believed him to be Somalian (that later changed and the PSNI now believe him to be Sudanese).
- The known chronology to date (insofar as possible) in respect of how he travelled to Northern Ireland.
- His current immigration status and ongoing engagement with the Home Office, and
- The charges currently brought against the individual.

PSNI also confirmed that the perpetrator was not known to the PSNI or other partner agencies across GB and Europe.

The Chief Constable welcomed the support of all political parties in appealing for calm in the current circumstances and provided an update on the PSNI response so far to the ongoing public disorder. Members were updated on the use of watercannon, AEP rounds and advised that following a mutual aid request, officers from GB would be available to deploy this evening (Wednesday 10 June). Members were advised that they could expect to see a more robust response from PSNI (given the additional resources now available) and that the investigative response is also well under way in terms of gathering evidence, preparing arrest packages etc.

Other areas discussed in the PSNI briefing included:

- Acknowledgement of the impact on businesses within the Belfast area and the importance of moving toward normality again.

- That so far, there has been no evidence of paramilitary orchestration of the violence. PSNI noted that should this change, it would be called out and Members would be kept informed accordingly.

Following the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable briefing Members' questions focused on:

- The number of officers injured as a result of the disorder. Board Members extended their thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery to those officers. The Chief Constable advised he would in due course be meeting those officers and that he would keep the Board informed as to the severity of the injuries of the officers.
- The impact on NHS staff/care workers and the vulnerabilities they have reported in terms of going to and from their places of employment. Members discussed with PSNI the ongoing community engagement which is taking place to provide reassurance to minority communities. This included a personal video message from the Chief Constable as well as planned reassurance meetings.
- Reports that a list of addresses (of HMOs) have been circulating on social media and whether PSNI can confirm if any related attacks have taken place. The Chief Constable advised PSNI are aware of these reports but to date there have been no attacks targeted at specific addresses.
- Plans/tactics in terms of arresting those involved in the violence and the safety of those staying at the hotel in Newtownabbey targeted on Tuesday evening.
- What support, if any, is being provided from other partner/statutory agencies, online reports of broader UK wide protests over the upcoming weekend and PSNI's readiness to meet demand (should it be necessary) this coming weekend. The DCC noted that the civil contingency arrangements had been stood up in response to the disorder. In terms of the national picture Members were updated on PSNI attendance at recent COBRA meetings and advised the current mutual aid arrangements are in place until Sunday 14th June.
- The more robust tactics PSNI will deploy in future riot/protest situations

- Plans for policing of a rally this coming weekend, and anticipation of a counter protest.
- Assessment of, and action that can be taken against, the on-line “bad actors” with Chief Constable providing reassurance that where there is evidence of an offence having been committed PSNI would seek a criminal justice response

The Chief Constable also expressed his concern to Members regarding resource allocation and how officers/resources have had to be abstracted from other ongoing work in order to put officers on the front line during this period of public disorder. He also commented on ongoing work and engagement regarding social media platforms including where responsibility sits in terms of requiring the removal of material from these platforms and challenges in respect of evidence gathering from online accounts.

The Board Chair thanked the Chief Constable for his time this morning and for his (and his SET's) leadership during this challenging time.

Meeting closed: 11:05am