

# POLICING MATTERS

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## JULY MEETING

At the July session questions to the Chief Constable covered a range of topics including PSNI resourcing plans, work with the National Crime Agency to tackle serious and organised crime and the policing approach to NI Executive guidelines on COVID-19 restrictions.

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

Oral questions from Board Members

Chief Constable's Report

Written questions to the Chief Constable

The whole meeting

Watch the Chair's opening remarks

Watch short film here

Watch our next Board meeting: Thursday 3 September 2020 12:30 – 12:30

### Board approval for PSNI Resources Plan

“Central to future modernisation, transformation and digitisation projects is budget availability. The PSNI 2020/2021 Resource Plan has been subject to significant scrutiny over the last few months and was approved by Members at the July meeting.

It's not a good starting position with a deficit of around £20m. The Board is committed to the implementation of the Neighbourhood Policing model and the additional 400 officers required and would therefore not support any reduction

or indeed suspension of police officer recruitment in order to meet the pressures. As a Board, we will support the Chief Constable in seeking to obtain the additional funding required and not yet agreed in respect of EU Exit, Fresh Start and to deliver the commitments made to 7500 officers.

As the Chief Constable will be proceeding at significant risk, The Board will be writing to the Justice Minister to advise of this decision and seek her support in respect of addressing the range of unfunded pressures identified.”



**DOUG GARRETT**  
Policing Board Chair

### NEW BOARD MEMBER



A new political member has joined the Board.

Mike Nesbitt MLA replaces Alan Chambers MLA.

## ANNUAL CUSTODY VISITORS REPORT

1 APRIL 2019 - 31 MARCH 2020

Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) are impartial volunteers from the community who make unannounced visits to police custody suites to check on the rights, health and wellbeing, and conditions of detention of people being held in custody by inspecting facilities, speaking to detainees and checking custody records.

Board Chair Doug Garrett welcomed the findings of the latest Board report on the Scheme:

“The Board is committed to ensuring that the rights of those detained in custody are upheld. This report, and the work of our ICVs, provides Board assurance that police custody facilities meet human rights standards and identifies areas where there are issues or improvements to be made.”

[Read the Report](#)

**503**  
VISITS

**90%**  
VISITS SATISFACTORY

**482**  
DETAINEES SPOKEN TO



**Board Business Plan: Performance Report**

[Read the report here](#)



### Police Property Fund Grant Scheme

The launch of our Police Property Fund Scheme is now scheduled for Autumn 2020.

Interested in applying?  
Register your interest by emailing [policepropertyfund@nipolicingboard.org.uk](mailto:policepropertyfund@nipolicingboard.org.uk)

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