

POLICING MATTERS

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MAY MEETING

At the first 'virtual' public session, members received reports from the Chief Constable and Director General of the National Crime Agency Lynne Owens. Questions focused on the police response to COVID-19 and actions taken to support Executive decisions, as well as crime levels, incidents of domestic abuse, human trafficking and child sexual exploitation, the recent Northern Ireland Audit Office report and possible additions to civil recovery powers.

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

Read the latest NCA Report here

Watch short film here

Watch the next meeting on livestream on Thursday 4 June at 12:30

NEW BOARD CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Doug Garrett has been elected the new Board Chair, with the Vice Chair position being filled by Tom Frawley. Both Independent Members, Doug and Tom have served on the Board since December 2018.

On taking up the position of Chair, Doug Garrett said: "I am humbled to have been elected as Chair of the Policing Board and I look forward to working with Board Members, the Chief Constable and his team and all those with an interest in policing matters in the time ahead."

Welcoming new Independent Members

Six new Independent Members have joined the newly reconstituted Board. You can find out more about Michael Atkinson, Dr Janet Gray MBE, Edgar Jardine CB, Carmel McKinney OBE, Frank McManus and Deirdre Toner here:

[The Board](#)

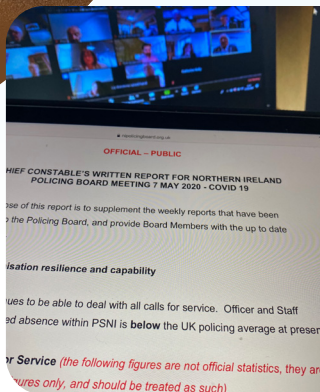
[Read the statement in full](#)



Doug Garrett
Policing Board Chair



Tom Frawley
Policing Board Vice Chair



REVIEW OF COVID-19 POLICING RESPONSE

Board Members have been receiving regular reports from the Chief Constable on the police response to COVID-19.

As a Board we support the approach taken by the police but also took the view that greater clarity within the Regulations set by the Executive would have been helpful to police interpretation in some areas.

The Board's Human Rights Advisor has been asked to review and report to the Board on the policing approach to the exercise of the dispersal powers alongside any other operational policing decisions

that have been taken in response to COVID-19. This will we hope provide assurance around issues that have the potential to impact on public confidence in the service.

[The terms of reference for the review can be viewed here](#)

POLICING PLAN PUBLISHED

The Board has published The Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025, alongside the Annual Performance Plan 2020/21. The Policing Plan gives the overarching vision for the next five years, and the Annual Performance Plan gives detail on how we plan to achieve this vision - together, these documents outline the future for policing in Northern Ireland.



[Read the Plan here](#)

WE'VE PUBLISHED OUR CORPORATE PLAN



[Read it here](#)

The Policing Board Corporate plan sets out the key areas of work that we'll be focusing on over the next three years and was developed through public consultation. Your feedback has helped us form the outcomes, objectives and actions that will ensure we deliver effectively for people across Northern Ireland.

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