

POLICING MATTERS

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NOVEMBER MEETING

At November's accountability session, questions focused on COVID-19 regulations, domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, a recent CJINI report on modern slavery and the pilot of a new PSNI uniform.



At November's private session, members received an update on the work of Operation Kenova from the Chief Constable and Jon Butcher.

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

Watch our next meeting: Thursday 3rd December 2020

CHARITY OF THE YEAR



Board staff handed over a cheque for £1000 to their charity of the year, Community Rescue Service. CRS are a search and rescue service that covers the lowland areas of Northern Ireland.

WOMEN IN POLICING



Board Chair Doug Garrett met with representatives Supt Sue Steen, Chair and Fiona Hart, Activity Lead from the PSNI Women in Policing Association to discuss representation of women in policing and career opportunities for both officers and staff.

COULD YOU BE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE PSNI?

The Board have launched recruitment for a new role within PSNI, Chief Operating Officer. This senior staff position will work directly with the Chief Constable and has responsibility for driving forward strategic change, business modernisation and bringing focus to value for money in the use of resources.

REPORT ON THE THEMATIC REVIEW OF THE POLICING RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- 3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD & POLICE OMBUDSMAN
- 5 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE & ASSEMBLY
- 9 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSNI
- 1 RECOMMENDATION FOR PSNI & PPS

COVID-19 THEMATIC REVIEW ON POLICING PUBLISHED

The Board Review, conducted by its Human Rights Advisor, makes 18 recommendations. It recognises the enormous challenge faced by the PSNI in policing the pandemic in a way which did not damage public confidence in the service.

Overall the police are to be commended for their '4 E's' approach and application, but there have been instances where police decisions, actions, interactions and enforcement activity have been publicly questioned.

The Board's review brings scrutiny and transparency and will provide public assurance and explanation on issues where concerns have been raised.

PUBLICATIONS:



Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20
Have an in-depth look at our work over 2019-20



Engagement Strategy 2020-23
Find out more about the who, how and why of our engagement with communities across Northern Ireland



Committee Review on Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime 2019-20
The Board is responsible for oversight of the PSNI in tackling paramilitarism and recommendations allocated in the 2016 Executive Action Plan

OUR MINUTES