

NOTE OF A PRESENTATION TO STAKEHOLDERS ON THE SCOFFIELD REVIEW, WATERSIDE TOWER, 17 DECEMBER 2014

The Board's Chief Executive, Sam Pollock (SP), welcomed everyone present and advised the meeting would be recorded.

SP informed the meeting an overview of the Scoffield report would be provided, however, individual cases could not be discussed and personal remarks about staff would not be permitted.

SP advised invites were issued to organisations and individual representatives who have been involved in the review of the Board's Injury on Duty (IOD) Award process.

SP stated from the time of his appointment to the Board IOD Awards has been one of the most contentious issues he has had to deal with. SP provided background to the Board's decision to instruct Senior Counsel, David Scoffield QC, to undertake a review of the IOD Award process, including the Simpson case and significant pressure faced by Police Administration Branch staff. The Board agreed to suspend IOD Award reviews, however, officers could still request a review.

Police Administration Branch is currently receiving a high volume of new applications compared to police services in England and Wales. The Board has faced budget cuts, however, additional staff were engaged in Police Administration Branch to deal with the workload. SP also informed the meeting of the Board's current IOD workload and increasing costs.

SP highlighted six limitations identified in the Scoffield report and listed the recommendations contained in Chapter 14. SP commented on a number of the findings and in particular emphasised the responsibility for fixing issues lies with the Department of Justice who create the regulations and provide guidance.

With respect to the sixth limitation in respect of staffing resources within the Board, SP advised the Board has a duty of care to its staff which will be addressed.

SP advised the full Scoffield report would not be published, however, a copy had been given to the Department of Justice. SP stated he is aware a copy of the report has been leaked. SP informed the meeting a copy of Chapters 1 and 14 will be published on the Board's website, along with the presentation slides from today's meeting and an update letter to interested parties.

SP stated the Board will not be in a position to take calls or respond to correspondence on issues contained in the Scoffield report until discussions with the Department of Justice have been completed. SP referred interested parties to political representatives and Board Members to seek updates on progress.

SP opened the discussion up for questions, a number were raised on the following issues:

- Reinstatement of IOD Awards;
- Double recovery;
- Cancellation of reviews;
- Publication of information on the Board's website.

SP closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.