# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE



# ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Report of: CHIEF CONSTABLE

Subject: DIP SAMPLING OF COMPLAINT FILES

Date: FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

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#### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is for members discussion on the findings from the dip sampling of complaint files.

#### **Recommendation**

- 2. It is recommended that members:-
  - (a) discuss the outcome of the dip sampling of complaint files; and
  - (b) consider a theme for the next dip sampling session.

#### Background

- 3. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility for ensuring that the Chief Constable is applying police regulations in the handling of complaints. The Police and Crime Commissioner fulfils this statutory responsibility by receiving reports from the Chief Constable to the Strategic Assurance Board and by the members of the Ethics, Integrity and Complaints Committee dip sampling of complaint files and reporting on their findings.
- 4. Dr Peel, Ms Pringle and Ms Richards undertook dip sampling of complaint files on Tuesday 3 August 2021 in preparation for the September meeting of the Committee. The outcome of the dip-sampling can be found in Appendix 1.

#### **IOPC Non-Referral Register**

5. The IOPC non-referral register was not examined on this occasion.

#### **Implications**

Financial: None.

Legal: The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty

to ensure that the Chief Constable is applying Police

Regulations.

Equality Impact None.

Assessment:

Risks and Impact: The Commissioner requires assurance that complaints

from members of the public.

Link to Police and None.

Crime Plan:

Communications: Media releases before and after the discussion will be

drafted.

#### **List of Appendices**

None.

#### **Background Papers**

Members reports from dip sampling.

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### Appendix 1

# Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

# **Ethics, Integrity and Complaints Committee - Dip Sampling of Complaints Files**

# Tuesday, 3 August 2021

Category of Complaint	File No.	Comments by Member	Force Response
2 allegations: 1 – A1 police action following contact 2 – F6 race	CO/00812/20	A spurious complaint. No follow up of evidence or contact from the complainant.	Noted thank you
3 allegations: 1 – H5 overbearing or harassing behaviours 2 – D2 disclosure of information 3 – F2 disability	CO/00889/20	Investigation showed that standard procedures were followed. An excellent investigation. No further advice appropriate.	Noted thank you
1 allegation: B1 – stops and stop/search	CO/00856/20	Car insurance stop. Business use at point of stop. Insurance SDP only. No further comments.	Noted thank you
4 allegations: 1 – B1 stops and stop/search 2 – H2 impolite and intolerant actions 3 – A3 information 4 – H1 impolite language/tone	CO/00842/20	Learning by reflection identified as appropriate. I would agree. Excellent!	Noted thank you