



Meeting Date	5 FEBRUARY 2024
Report of	THE PANEL'S LEGAL ADVISER / PANEL'S SUPPORT OFFICER
Subject	COMPLAINTS UPDATE (JULY TO DECEMBER 2023)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the Panel with an update on complaints made against the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) during the period 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Members of the Police and Crime Panel are recommended to:-

- a) Note the update.
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BACKGROUND

1. In respect of complaints against the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) the Panel have statutory responsibilities under the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 for handling and recording complaints about the conduct of the PCC and if appointed, any Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, unless the complaint is a serious complaint (which involves allegations that the Police and Crime Commissioner has committed a criminal offence) which must be referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IPOC).
2. The Panel has a general duty to ensure that it is kept informed about complaints and conduct matters against a relevant office holder (i.e. the PCC) for the Panel's police area and what is done under the Regulations to deal with them.
3. The Panel have delegated responsibility to the Panel's Legal Adviser for the initial handling of complaints, and referral to the Complaint's Panel, if there appears to be any substance to it. There may be instances where a complaint is not presented to the Complaint's Panel such as withdrawn complaints or those which are outside of the scope of the Panel's Complaints Procedure.
4. Information about the Panel's complaint handling role and how to make a complaint is set out on the Panel's website at www.barnsley.gov.uk/sypcp

SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

5. Between 1 July 2023 and 31 December 2023 one complaint was received against the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and was considered by the Panel's Legal Adviser and Panel's Support Officer.
6. The complainant made an allegation about the Commissioner's conduct. Following a thorough review, the complaint was closed, without any further action being taken, other than a letter of explanation to the complainant stating that there was no evidence provided by them to support the allegation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. As referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Panel is required by statute to have a procedure in place to deal with complaints and this report and its underlying procedures ensure compliance with that obligation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no direct Health and Safety implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

10. The Panel's Complaints Procedure has a fair, open and transparent process that deals with each complaint in the same way taking full account of any equality or diversity requirements.

List of background documents		
SY Police and Crime Panel Complaints Procedure The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Complaints and Misconduct) Regulations 2012 PCP Complaints and Conduct Register		
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