

**POLICE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
LEICESTERSHIRE**

**ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND  
COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

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Report of	CHIEF CONSTABLE
Subject	DIP SAMPLING OF COMPLAINT FILES
Date	FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
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**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is for discussion on the findings from members dip sampling of complaint files undertaken on Monday 8 August 2016.

**Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that members discuss the outcome of the dip sampling of complaint files; and

**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. Three members of the Committee, Ms Lynne Richards, Ms Karen Chouhan and Prof Cillian Ryan undertook their dip sampling on 27 October 2016.

**IPCC Non-Referral Register**

5. At the time of dip-sampling an examination of the Independent Police Complaints Commission Non-Referral Log was undertaken. The outcome is as follows:-

Log No.	Comments from member	Force Response
ML/187/16	Seems appropriate	Noted thank you.
ML/163/16	Seems appropriate	Noted thank you.
ML/197/16	<p>Double check S.12 of PRA 2002 Inter-Service obligations?                      Was there any referral to the Bradgate Unit re the arrest given that he was at risk?                      Should there have been?                      If so, is this organisational learning captured somewhere?</p>	<p>Noted – In relation to the issue of referral to the IPCC. The defendant in this case was charged on the 6<sup>th</sup> August and appeared at Leicester Magistrates on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016. He took his own life some three weeks after his involvement with the Police and whilst he was being dealt with the Court Service had the ability to refer or direct other agencies to assist should a defendant be in need of such assistance. The matter was not referred as there was no indication or evidence to indicate that the Police caused or contributed to the death of this individual. Referrals are subject to assessment on a case by case basis. Whilst in custody this defendant refused to see a Dr. He was not referred to the Bradgate Unit as he had been previously discharged from the outpatient's service earlier in the year.                      Highlighted as an internal PSD learning point in relation to PSD referrals and via the Force 'Get it Right' first time for the vulnerability issues</p>

**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 Assessment : None.  
 Risks and Impact : The Commissioner requires assurance that complaints from members of the public.  
 Link to Police and Crime Plan : None.  
 Communications : Media releases before and after the discussion will be rafted.

**List of Appendices**

None.

**Background Papers**

Members reports from dip sampling.

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