



VERA BAIRD^{QC}
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Joint Business Meeting of the OPCC / Northumbria Police

18th September 2014 OPCC, Victory House

Start time 9am

Finish 12.35

Attendees: Vera Baird QC, Elaine Snaith, Sue Sim, Steve Ashman, Dean Lowery, Jane Simmons, Bernie McCardle, Mike Tait, Richard Heron, Joscelin Lawson, Gillian Mitchell, Paul Godden and Mike Mullen.

Chief Supt Farell updated the Commissioner on the work Northumbria Police are undertaking in relation the Mental Health Crisis Care Concordat and the signing of the document in the coming months.

This Concordat is a joint statement, written and agreed by local agencies, that describes what people experiencing a mental health crisis should be able to expect of the public services that respond to their needs. It is about how these different services can best work together, and it establishes key principles of good practice that local services and partnerships should use to raise standards and strengthen working arrangements.

The Commissioner requested that further updates be received in due course.

Supt Gillian Mitchell updated the Commissioner regarding work undertaken by Northumbria Police to address recommendations made by HMIC in their recent inspection of Northumbria Police Custody Suites.

A custody Action Plan has been produced which was presented to the Commissioner.

The Commissioner requested that regular updates are received in relation to addressing the recommendations raised in the inspection report.

Paul Godden provided a briefing to the Commissioner in relation to the recent inspection by HMIC regarding crime prevention, police attendance and use of police time.

Joscelin Lawson updated the Commissioner on the force Collaboration and Partnership Strategy and delivery plan. The aim of the strategy is to ensure

that the force has clear direction with regard to partnership working and the possible savings this could entail.

Mike Mullen presented the Commissioner with a key decision report relating to tenders received for the supply of 28 vehicles for conversion to PSU carrier vehicles.

The Commissioner agreed the recommendation listed in the report.

The Commissioner received a key decision report relating to the lease of rooms with the terminal building of Newcastle Airport for use by Special Branch Officers.

The Commissioner approved the acquisition of a new lease for these rooms.
