

DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held at the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Victory House, Balliol Business Park, Newcastle on

Tuesday, 2nd September 2013 at 5.00pm

1. ISSUES DISCUSSED

- The group discussed the production of a short video highlighting the main points of the PCC Police and Crime Plan. Options for this are currently being explored.
- The Chief Constables Delivery Plan is informed by a 'Strategic Assessment' which is an annual review of issues likely to influence policing in the near future. As part of the assessment the Force holds workshops with community representatives and organisations to capture current views and opinions on community safety issues and policing.

Members of the PCC Advisory Groups were to be invited to future sessions to provide feedback.

- The group were updated on the training given to Northumbria Police officers in relation to disability which has included visits to local Disability Groups. The group felt that these visits provided officers with valuable experience and allowed them to learn how to interact and deal sensitively with a person with a learning disability or autism. All groups present would welcome officer attending their organisations as part of their training.

The force are currently developing mental health training materials for officers. The training material will be shared with the PCC Disability Advisory group members and feedback will be sought.

- Better Days informed the group that they are looking at extending the "Safe Places" scheme which will increase the number of organisations and businesses currently involved. The group felt that licensed premises should also be invited to become part of the scheme as increasing numbers of the disabled