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| <b>For Consideration</b>  |   |
| <b>Public/Non Public*</b> | <b>Public</b>   |
| <b>Report to:</b>         | <b>Audit and Scrutiny Panel</b>                         |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>   | <b>28 September 2017</b>                                |
| <b>Report of:</b>         | <b>IPCC Investigations, Recommendations and Actions</b> |
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## IPCC Investigations, Recommendations & Actions

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the PCC in respect of the complaint and conduct matters which have been referred by Nottinghamshire Police to the IPCC during the relevant period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017, together with relevant recommendations and actions

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the panel receive assurance from the processes in place relating to IPCC investigations as detailed within the report

### 3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To provide the PCC with relevant information and oversight in respect of cases that Nottinghamshire Police refers to the IPCC

### 4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 The data summary below outlines cases referred to the IPCC during the relevant period:

|           |  | Force Deal | Independent | Local    | Supervised | Total     |
|-----------|--|------------|-------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Complaint | Criminal offence or discriminatory behavior likely to lead to discipline | 0          | 0           | 1        | 0          | 1         |
|           | Death or serious injury  | 0          | 4           | 1        | 0          | 5         |
|           | Relevant offence   | 0          | 0           | 1        | 0          | 1         |
|           | Voluntary  | 0          | 1           | 2        | 0          | 3         |
|           | <b>Total</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>5</b>    | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>10</b> |
| Conduct   | Criminal offence or discriminatory behaviour likely                      | 0          | 0           | 1        | 0          | 1         |

|               |                         |   |    |    |   |    |
|---------------|-------------------------|---|----|----|---|----|
|               | to lead to discipline   |   |    |    |   |    |
|               | Death or serious injury | 0 | 1  | 0  | 0 | 1  |
|               | Relevant offence        | 0 | 0  | 1  | 0 | 1  |
|               | Voluntary               | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1 | 1  |
|               | <b>Total</b>            | 0 | 1  | 2  | 1 | 4  |
| Miscellaneous | Death or serious injury | 6 | 9  | 15 | 0 | 30 |
|               | <b>Total</b>            | 6 | 9  | 15 | 0 | 30 |
| <b>Total</b>  |                         | 6 | 15 | 22 | 1 | 44 |

For the previous reporting period there were a total of 25 referrals to the IPCC. The below data shows how the miscellaneous cases are broken down by type. This increase could be accounted for by seasonal trends as the winter and Christmas period has been captured. More analysis would need to be done to support or refute this.

| Case Status | Case Recorded | Case Finalised | Incident Summary         |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Finalised   | 28/07/2017    | 28/07/2017     | Sudden death             |
| Live        | 10/07/2017    |                | sudden death             |
| Finalised   | 03/07/2017    | 03/07/2017     | Fatal RTC                |
| Finalised   | 28/06/2017    | 28/06/2017     | sudden death             |
| Finalised   | 22/06/2017    | 22/06/2017     | Sudden death             |
| Live        | 15/06/2017    |                | dog bite                 |
| Finalised   | 01/06/2017    | 01/06/2017     | attempted suicide        |
| Finalised   | 01/06/2017    | 01/06/2017     | Near miss Custody        |
| Finalised   | 01/06/2017    | 01/06/2017     | sudden death             |
| Finalised   | 31/05/2017    | 31/05/2017     | Sudden death             |
| Finalised   | 31/05/2017    | 31/05/2017     | Sudden death             |
| Finalised   | 31/05/2017    | 19/06/2017     | Injury on police contact |

|           |            |            |                               |
|-----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Finalised | 24/05/2017 | 30/05/2017 | sudden death                  |
| Live      | 15/05/2017 |            | sudden death                  |
| Finalised | 15/05/2017 | 15/05/2017 | Attempted suicide             |
| Finalised | 15/05/2017 | 15/05/2017 | sudden death                  |
| Finalised | 09/05/2017 | 06/06/2017 | Dog bite                      |
| Live      | 09/05/2017 |            | Injury on police contact      |
| Live      | 05/04/2017 |            | death in custody              |
| Finalised | 16/03/2017 | 16/03/2017 | dog bite                      |
| Finalised | 10/03/2017 | 02/03/2017 | fatal RTC                     |
| Finalised | 21/02/2017 | 08/03/2017 | sudden death                  |
| Finalised | 27/01/2017 | 19/06/2017 | dog bite                      |
| Finalised | 16/01/2017 | 25/07/2017 | sudden death                  |
| Finalised | 12/01/2017 | 26/06/2017 | sudden death                  |
| Live      | 13/12/2016 |            | Injury on arrest              |
| Finalised | 05/12/2016 | 17/05/2017 | Injury on arrest and dog bite |
| Finalised | 20/10/2016 | 26/04/2017 | sudden death                  |
| Finalised | 06/10/2016 | 09/12/2016 | sudden death                  |

- 4.2 Nottinghamshire Police continues to maintain a good application of the IPCC Statutory Guidance having due regard to compliance with voluntary and mandatory referrals. Improvements have been made in joint working with the IPCC including shared participation in “Death & Serious Injury” (DSI) training with staff from the custody suites. There are a small number of instances within this data of death following investigation/custody release. Well embedded in the custody process is the pre-release custody risk assessment. All detainees on release are given a pack of useful contacts should they feel in crisis. This process is mirrored in the voluntary attendance process.
- 4.3 While some elements of DSI during Police contact require a mandatory referral (e.g. during or shortly after detention / arrest) other incidents require a professional assessment based on the information known at the time. Supervisors across the force are well versed as to when to consider a referral and this would account for the positive increase in reporting of sudden death

referrals. There have been no recommendations or learning as a result of the finalised cases.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications in respect of this report. The Directorate is aware of its responsibilities in relation to 'Spending Money Wisely' and the information within this report exemplifies approaches to manage resources effectively.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 PSD resources are under constant review, ensuring that the department has both the capacity and capability to meet demand. Where additional resources have been required these have been authorised and temporary staff recruited where necessary.

## **7. Equality Implications**

- 7.1 No specific implications

## **8. Risk Management**

- 8.1 It is essential the public have confidence in the service Nottinghamshire Police provide.
- 8.2 Organisational learning is a whole organisation responsibility which helps to mitigate risk. Professional Standards Directorate contributes to risk management through the sharing of learning and encouragement of change across the organisation where appropriate.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

- 9.1 IPCC Investigations ensure that the public can have confidence in the independence, accountability and integrity, of the most serious of cases, most notably Death or Serious Injury.
- 9.2 It is the responsibility of the force to ensure mandatory and voluntary referrals are made in a timely fashion and that appropriate support is given to IPCC investigators. This delivers professional services in support of the organisations PROUD values.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

- 10.1 None

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

- 11.1 None

## 12. Appendices

12.1 None