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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Joint Audit and Scrutiny Panel</b>
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## **IOPC 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 Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) during the relevant period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019, together with relevant recommendations and actions

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the panel receive assurance that Nottinghamshire Police is transparent in referring itself to the IOPC in relation to all instances which meet the criteria defined at 4.1 and 4.2 of this report.
- 2.2 That the panel receive reassurance that Nottinghamshire Police consider and respond to IOPC recommendations.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 Law enforcement in the UK has significantly increased the amount of coordinated activity to address the threat of harm posed from child sexual exploitation and abuse. Consequently in the last two reporting periods Nottinghamshire Police recorded suicides committed by offenders post law enforcement intervention. The data contained within this report shows no instances of this. This may be due to the risk assessment process changing for those under investigation for producing indecent images of children. The deaths related to sexual offences in this reporting period relate to historic sexual offences against children.
- 3.2 This reporting period shows four instances of injury being caused as a result of police pursuits. Two of these matters are still under investigation by the IOPC however no immediate learning or action has been identified which would indicate a departure from the 'Policy on Police Pursuits' or 'Driving Standards Policy'.

**4. Summary of Key Points (this should include background information and options appraisal if applicable)**

4.1 Death or serious injury matters (DSI) are not necessarily linked to a public complaint or any identified misconduct. The full definition of a DSI can be found in section 29 Police Reform Act 2002; in brief it is where there is/may be a causal link between a member of the public having contact with the police and death or serious injury occurring to that person. On receipt of a DSI referral the IOPC will determine the mode of investigation; usually an independent IOPC investigation or referred back to Force to investigate. The data summary below outlines those DSI matters referred to the IOPC during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. In total 14 referrals were made compared to 17 in the last reporting period.

Attempt suicide following arrest	Force deal
Injury following a collision during police pursuit	Local
Suicide while classified missing from home	Force deal
Suicide having reported a sexual offence	Local
Injury from a collision during police pursuit	Local
Suicide following investigation for sexual offence	Local
Injury during arrest	Local
Injury from a collision during police pursuit	Independent
Death following police contact	Local
Injury from a collision during police pursuit	Independent
Suicide while classified missing from home	Local
Death following police contact	Force deal
Suicide following investigation for sexual offence	Force deal
Injury during arrest	Local

\*Independent investigations are carried out by the IOPC's own investigators.

\*Local investigations are carried out by police officers in the force area.

\*Force deal – these are cases for the force to decide on.

4.2 In addition to DSI's the Police must refer to the IOPC complaints and recordable conduct matters that include allegations of conduct which constitute:

- Serious assaults
- Serious sexual offences
- Serious corruption (includes Abuse of Position Trust for Sexual Gain)
- Criminal offence or behaviour aggravated by discrimination
- Relevant offence (where the sentence is fixed by law or 7yrs on first conviction)

The table below shows the number in each category recorded by Nottinghamshire Police in the reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

Type of Conduct	Total
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Serious assault	1
Serious sexual offences	1
Serious corruption	1
Offence aggravated by discrimination	1

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

5.1 There are no specific financial implications in respect of this report.

## **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.

## **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. There have been two specific organisational learning recommendations issued by the IOPC necessitating a change in policy, procedure, training or resourcing. These have been reported to the Organisational Risk and Learning Board. Individual learning has been addressed where required.

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 IOPC 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 IOPC investigators.

## **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