



To: Police & Crime Commissioner

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Briefing Note – Section P60 Agreement

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To update the Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) on the Section 60 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Police and Crime Commissioner should sign the Section 60 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 to authorise the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) to investigate complaints made in any operation as a result of Mutual Aid.

3.0 Background

3.1 In anticipation that Northern Ireland may require Mutual Aid following the UK departure from the EU, there are some differences in the legal provision in relation to complaints and discipline of officers from other police forces whilst serving in Northern Ireland.

3.2 Following discussions between the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner, they are both in agreement that the Commissioner signs the Section 60 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 which allows for an agreement to be made between the PONI and the Local Policing Bodies responsible for constabularies not maintained by the Northern Ireland Policing Board. This will allow the PONI to undertake investigations into any complaints made against mutual aid officers whilst serving in Northern Ireland, before being passed back to the home force.

3.3

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Background Paper	Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Section 60 Agreement