



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

police and communities together

DECISION PAPER

DECISION 2019/45

DATE: 27 JANUARY 2020

**TITLE : AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 60 OF THE POLICE
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 1998**

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to provide authorisation to enter into a collaborative agreement to allow the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) to investigate complaints made in any operation as a result of Mutual Aid.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to enter in to the Section 60 Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 to authorise the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (PONI) to investigate any complaints made against mutual aid officers whilst serving in Northern Ireland, before being passed back to Lancashire Constabulary.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

27th January 2020

PART II

1. Background and Advice

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.

By agreeing to enter in to this agreement the Police and Crime Commissioner allows 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.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

Mutual Aid is a formal arrangement for the provision of policing assistance from one force to another and usually provided in response to or in anticipation of a major incident or event. It provides an overall resilience to the provision of effective policing of the incident and force area in question.

3. Consultation

The agreement has been subject to consultation between Chief Constable's and Police and Crime Commissioner's and to legal review.

4. Implications

a. Risks

b. Legal

c. Financial

There are no financial implications for the PCC arising from this decision

d. Equality considerations

None

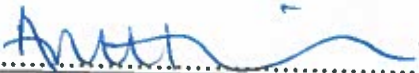
5. Background Papers

Association of Police and Crime Commissioners - Section 60 Agreement (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

7. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature..........Date.....27.1.20</p>	