

Public and Panel Questions to the Commissioner

3 October 2025

Report by the Clerk to the Police and Crime Panel

Below is a schedule of the questions received prior to this meeting and where possible responses have been included. Responses will be tabled at the meeting that were not available at the time of despatch. Written questions must be received two weeks before a meeting of the Panel and the Commissioner or Panel Chairman is invited to provide a response by noon of the day before the meeting.

Questions relating to operational matters of Sussex Police are passed to a relevant officer at Sussex Police for a response, with a brief summary of such questions provided below. For the current meeting, two questions have been received from one correspondent for response from the Commissioner.

1. Written question from a resident of Uckfield, East Sussex, name withheld by request.

To whom are Sussex Police accountable for their actions when they will no longer allow Sussex residents to check what the outcome is for the Crackdown Reports we have raised?’

The question you have raised specifically relates to operational policy and procedure regarding the feedback process for information reported to the police via Operation Crackdown.

Sussex Police process all data submitted via this reporting platform under Part 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018 [Law Enforcement Processing]. The information provided by victim(s), witness(es) and other third parties through Operation Crackdown supports the police to pursue successful outcomes as appropriate, including the positive identification of drivers to seek formal prosecution and/or the provision of educational activity to positively influence driver behaviour.

The nature of these outcomes will be determined by the offence(s) committed and whether this represents a repeat offence(s) and/or offending by the same suspect(s) and/or offender(s). This is a law enforcement decision, supported by the available evidence held by Sussex Police, and is not a matter for public consumption because it specifically relates to those individuals. As the data controller, Sussex Police has determined that this information will no longer be shared with members of the public.

I would like to provide you with some assurances that, if you are the victim of a criminal offence, Sussex Police will continue to provide individuals with updates about the progress made to investigate their reported crimes through the Sussex Police Portal. This platform enables individual users to receive online updates and to message the officer in charge of the investigation directly. Further information about the Portal can be viewed through the following link: <https://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/au/about-us/sussex-police-portal/>

In the meantime, I will continue to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of Sussex Police in its entirety.

I hope this information is useful to you.