

Action List: Sussex Police and Crime Panel – 14 March 2025

Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Response
<p>Item 5 Questions to the PCC</p>	<p>To provide information on how 999 callers living within the 01892 trunk code might be directed to the Kent Police Contact Centre, despite living with the Sussex force area – and how it is ensured that such residents do not experience a delay in response time, or otherwise receive a lesser service compared to other Sussex residents.</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>Sussex Police proactively ran an audit of all emergency [999] and non-emergency [101] telephone calls received from members of the public that were re-routed to the Force from either Kent Police or Surrey Police. It was highlighted that a small number of residents in Sussex had been affected by this scenario, and that contact had been made with BT Group to raise this issue.</p> <p>The Force was informed that the area code for these residents had been incorrectly listed as Kent or Surrey on the internal systems used by BT and Sussex Police has since provided the contact telephone numbers of all individuals known to have been affected by this issue to them for remedial action internally.</p> <p>Sussex Police has since been reassured by BT that this issue has now been resolved.</p> <p>It is also worth emphasising that the closest emergency response could still be from a neighbouring police force area dependent on the location of the individual telephoning 999 and/or the type of emergency being reported.</p> <p>This is standard practice to ensure that the fastest possible emergency response can be provided and is a reciprocal arrangement that exists between all police force areas in England and Wales.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>

<p>Item 5 Questions to the PCC</p>	<p>To clarify the position on ANPR cameras sighted on private land – are the police able to use the data from these to solve crimes?</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>It is recognised that there are many different scenarios where (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology positioned on private land can be used to detect, deter and disrupt criminal activity at a local, regional and national level.</p> <p>For example, supermarkets, private car parks and motorway service areas all use ANPR cameras to manage car parking [i.e., time limits for parking stays] and issue penalty charge notices when individuals overstay. Petrol stations also use ANPR cameras to cover their forecourts and protect themselves from theft.</p> <p>These ANPR cameras are run by private companies in the main, with the name of the operating company and the contact details for them cited in the vicinity of the cameras which can be used by the police service to check their databases for evidence as required.</p> <p>The only potential issues with using any of the footage that may be captured through this technology is that the quality of the cameras used may not be National ANPR Standards for Policing and Law Enforcement (NASPLE) compliant, like the standard cameras used by the police service in England and Wales.</p> <p>Investigating officers will need to identify the locations of any private ANPR cameras before contacting these companies to request any evidential data that may be held and, if this is available, to arrange for a statement to be taken exhibiting the data.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>
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<p>Item 5 Questions to the PCC</p>	<p>Vetting – how many Sussex police officers have failed the re-vetting process, but remain on the force’s payroll?</p>	<p>OSPCC</p>	<p>Following the outcome of the Di Maria -v- Metropolitan Police Service case in February 2025, there is currently ONE Sussex Police officer who failed their re-vetting and/or background checks but remains on the Force payroll.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COMPLETED.</p>
<p>Potential Items for Future Scrutiny</p>	<p>Ideas as follows – to be added to the work programme if value can be added through scrutiny – timing and format to be agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioner’s role in ensuring the effectiveness of Sussex Police’s vetting processes. • The Commissioner’s role in tackling County Lines • Scrutiny of each of the PaCP 24/28 Public Priorities in turn. 	<p>OSPCC and PCP to liaise</p>	<p>The OSPCC will liaise with the Sussex Police & Crime Panel around the potential items for future scrutiny and will await confirmation regarding any reports that may be requested from the Commissioner ahead of future meetings.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ONGOING.</p>