



SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME PANEL

The Outcomes and Learning Arising from the Commissioner's role as the Review Body for Schedule 3 Policing Complaints, and from the Commissioner's Oversight Duties over Sussex Police's Complaints System More Generally.

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Report by The Clerk to Sussex Police and Crime Panel

Focus for Scrutiny

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- The action taken in respect of those reviews
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1. Background

- 1.1 Legislation implemented in February 2020 introduced significant changes to the arrangements around police complaints, giving Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCCs) enhanced roles in the complaints and conduct systems.
- 1.2 In particular, Sussex PCC became the review and appeal body for Sussex Police complaints.
- 1.3 The Panel last scrutinised this matter in March 2021, and the report can be found on page 37 of the papers (<https://bit.ly/3v9tbcC>).

For ease, the summary of statistics for the period 1 February 2020 and 31 January 2021, as set out in the above referenced report, is given below:

Total Reviews Received	Valid Reviews	Invalid Reviews	Reviews Not Upheld	Reviews Upheld	Reviews yet to be completed
155	146	9	126	14 (= 9.6%)	6

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - The outcomes and organisational learning arising from the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's role as the review body for Schedule 3 complaints.