



## **Public and Panel Questions to the Commissioner**

**27 September 2024**

### **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, four questions have been received from two correspondents for response from the Commissioner.

#### **1. Written question from Nigel Jacklin of Normans Bay, East Sussex.**

##### **Question:**

Regarding my question asked at the Panel meeting on [24 March 2023](#) (page 13), is it possible to receive an update on these statistics, specifically the following:

*"During the same reporting period, 10 x gross misconduct hearings were held by Sussex Police with the following outcomes recorded: 2 x dismissals, 5 x resignations [although all officers/staff would have been dismissed had they still been in post], 2 x final written warnings issued, and 1 x allegation not proven."*

If these are to be published at a later date as part of a formal report (or have already been published), I'm happy to wait or be directed as appropriate.

##### **Answer:**

TBC

#### **2. Written questions from Dominic Watts of Crawley, West Sussex.**

##### **Question:**

I am perplexed as to how the Chief Constable of Sussex Police can retire (and be rehired next month by the PCC), an Acting Chief Constable be appointed and the people of Sussex (and the UK) were not told.

Could I please ask the PCC :-

1. Why were the public not told?
2. Why did Sussex Police wait 9 days to inform the public via the BBC?  
Surely Sussex Police have a duty to let Sussex residents know that their Chief Constable has retired?
3. Is there something to hide? Not very transparent and almost as if the PCC/Police have something to hide.

**Answer:**

TBC