



## North Eastern Region Police & Crime Commissioners

Northumbria, Durham, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Humberside

### Legally Qualified Chairs/Legally Qualified Persons (LQC's and LQP's) Protocol for Requesting an LQC or LQP

The seven local policing bodies i.e. Police and Crime Commissioners for each of the seven police areas comprising the North Eastern Region, Northumbria, Durham, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and Humberside, have appointed legally qualified persons (LQP's) and Legally Qualified Chairs (LQCs) to a list.

LQCs and LQP's are responsible for Chairing or advising the Chair on misconduct cases brought against police officers under Regulation 25 Police Conduct Regulations. This will include reading the papers in advance of any hearing, chairing the proceedings in accordance with the Regulations and the provision of full reasons in writing for the decision reached by the misconduct hearing.

Selections of LQCs, LQPs and independent members to particular misconduct hearings are required to be made on a fair and transparent basis.

This document sets out how the seven Police and Crime Commissioners for the Region will select the LQCs and LQPs referred to above to particular misconduct hearings.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria holds and administers the lists of LQCs, LQPs on a day-to-day basis.

When an OPCC from the North Eastern Region requires an LQC or LQP, a request is made to the Northumbria OPCC by email to [enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk) requesting the contact details of the next LQC or LQP on the list.



Upon receiving the request, the OPCC for Northumbria will at the earliest opportunity (Monday – Thursday within 1 working day) or Friday (by the next working day), supply the contact details to the requesting OPCC and it is then the responsibility of the requesting OPCC to make contact with the LQC or LQP to discuss availability and appointment.

When requests for LQCs or LQPs are received, the Northumbria OPCC will provide names by working down the list and once a LQC or LQP has been appointed they will move to the bottom of the list.