

# NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

28 August 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

## Complaints against the Police

### Report by the Chief Constable

#### **SUMMARY**

To inform Members, in terms of Circular 16/1973, with regard to recorded complaints against the Police.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In the period between 1 April to 30 June 2009, **85** complaints were received, with **189** allegations being made. The breakdown of the **189** allegations for the period is:

#### **ON DUTY**

• Assault	8
• Excessive Force	8
• Incivility	15
• Neglect of Duty	36
• Irregularity in Procedure	42
• Traffic Irregularity	3
• Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	25
• Unlawful Arrest/Unnecessary	1
• Discriminatory Behaviour	6
• Corrupt Practice	2
• Other - Criminal	13
• Other - Non Criminal	9

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**Total Allegations** **168**

#### **OFF DUTY**

• Crimes of Violence	0
• Crimes of Indecency	0
• Crimes of Dishonesty	0
• Fireraising, Malicious Mischief, etc.	0
• Other Crimes	2
• Miscellaneous Offences	1
• Offences involving Motor Vehicles	0
• Incivility	0
• Other	3

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**Total Allegations** **6**

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## **QUALITY OF SERVICE**

• Policy/Procedure	6
• Service Delivery	9
• Service Outcome	0
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<b><u>Total Allegations</u></b>	<b>15</b>
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## **DISCRIMINATION / EQUALITIES**

Between 1 April and 30 June 2009, 6 Discriminatory Behaviour complaint allegations (3 racial, 2 disability and 1 unemployment) have been received, which comprise approximately 3.2% of total complaint allegations (189) made during the material period. This compares with a total of 5 discriminatory behaviour allegations for the entire year 2008-09. All 6 allegations remain live at this time.

The Complaints Register will be available for examination at the meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are invited to note the report.

**I Latimer**  
**Chief Constable**

**8 July 2009**