

# NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

23 January 2009

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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 October to 30 December 2008, **43** complaints were received, with **66** allegations being made. The breakdown of the **66** allegations for the period is:

#### **ON DUTY**

• Assault	4
• Excessive Force	4
• Incivility	6
• Neglect of Duty	13
• Irregularity in Procedure	5
• Traffic Irregularity	2
• Oppressive Conduct/Harassment	6
• Unlawful Arrest/Unnecessary	4
• Discriminatory Behaviour	0
• Corrupt Practice	4
• Other - Criminal	7
• Other - Non Criminal	1

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<b><u>Total Allegations</u></b>	<b>56</b>
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#### **OFF DUTY**

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

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<b><u>Total Allegations</u></b>	<b>3</b>
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## **QUALITY OF SERVICE**

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|--------------------|---|
| • Policy/Procedure | 2 |
| • Service Delivery | 4 |
| • Service Outcome  | 1 |
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<b><u>Total Allegations</u></b>	<b>7</b>
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## **DISCRIMINATION / EQUALITIES**

Between 1 April 2008 and 7 January 2009, 3 Discriminatory Behaviour complaint allegations have been received, which comprise 1.3% of total complaint allegations (227) made during the material period. 1 complaint alleging racial discrimination has been resolved by explanation to the complainer, while the other 2 (one alleging disability discrimination and the other homophobic discrimination) were unsubstantiated by available evidence.

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are invited to note the report.

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

**8 January 2009**