



WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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LONG TERM USE OF BAIL UPDATE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In May 2013, analysis by the BBC found West Yorkshire Police had the highest proportion of people held on long-term bail. Following the Panel meeting in June 2013, the Police and Crime Commissioner requested a review of the use of long term bail by West Yorkshire Police and the results were submitted in March 2014. Following discussion between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable at the Community Outcomes meeting on 3rd March 2014, the Panel received a report at the meeting on 11th April 2014. It was agreed at this meeting that the Police and Crime Commissioner would look further into the issue and an update would be provided within six months.

2.0 CURRENT POSITION

2.1 The issue of bail is constantly under review and there are specific bail management procedures at each District that are designed to ensure bail is being used appropriately and proportionately.

2.2 An update report was received at the Community Outcomes meeting on 7th July 2014 (attached as Appendix A) and discussion took place between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Temporary Chief Constable.

2.3 At the Community Outcomes meeting in July, the Police and Crime Commissioner felt assured that bail was being used appropriately and as Parliament had intended in West Yorkshire and that satisfactory progress was being made to improve the management of bail records.

2.4 The Police and Crime Commissioner will have the latest figures to update Panel Members at the meeting.