

Accountability Review Update

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Workstream	Status	Update
1. A presumption of anonymity for firearms officers who are charged with offences relating to, firing their weapon in the line of duty and who are subject to criminal trial following a shooting, up until the point of conviction	Ongoing	Introduced via Crime & Policing Bill. At Committee Stage of Lords which begins on 13 th October.
2. Three measures to improve the timeliness and fairness of investigations and the rights of victims by speeding up processes between the Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC) and Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).	Ongoing	Introduced via Crime & Policing Bill. At Committee Stage of Lords which begins on 13 th October.
3. Rapid independent assessment of whether there is a case for considering changes on two issues highlighted during the Accountability Review	Ongoing	Decision has been made by Lord Chancellor & Home Secretary to publish report. <u>NPCC has written to new Home Secretary to ask expedition this week</u>
4. Wider (long term) review to address systemic barriers to timeliness in the misconduct system to improve public and police confidence	Ongoing	Chair has been approached to lead this work. The Home Office want to announce chair shortly, produce terms of reference and ask for submission. <u>NPCC has written to new Home Secretary to expedition this week</u>
5. Update of guidance relating to investigations of police driving incidents and other incidents in the line of duty	Delivered	Joint Letter due to be published this week outlining the MOU's from IOPC/NPCC & College of Policing. This will contain MOUs for Police Driving, Use of Force and Taser.
6. College of Policing to create a lessons learned database for deaths/ serious injuries arising from police contact/ pursuits	Ongoing	Work is ongoing. Some sample reports have been produced by College specifically around Mental Health and DSI. The dataset will be expanded in the Autumn.
Introduction of legislative measures to improve public confidence in policing conduct standards	Ongoing	Further submission to Ministers around the introduction of new vetting standards. Police office suspension is currently out for statutory consultation. Operational Vetting Guidance and Measures for secondary legislation for changes to misconduct, performance and probationer regulations were laid on 07/05/25 and came into force on 28/05/25.
DPP review of guidance and processes in relation to charging police officers for offences committed in the course of their duties.	Delivered	Guidance published in January 2025