

**IPCC STATUTORY GUIDANCE –
MAKING THE NEW POLICE COMPLAINTS SYSTEM WORK BETTER**

BACKGROUND

1. The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) was set up under the provisions of the Police Reform Act 2002.
2. It began its work replacing its predecessor body, the Police Complaints Authority, on 1st April 2004. One of the requirements made of the legislation was that the IPCC formulate and introduce 'Statutory Guidance'.
3. In September 2005 that Guidance was formally published (Appendix A) and all Forces were expected to introduce and comply with the Guidance by November 2005. The Professional Standards Branch Manager carried out a "Gap Analysis and Action Plan" between September 2005 and November 2005 (Appendix B).

METHODOLOGY

4. The Analysis was split up into four distinct areas; 'Issue' (i.e. the issue identified from the IPCC Statutory Guidance), 'Current Position' (i.e. as at September 2005), 'The Gap' (i.e. what was required) and the 'Action Required' (i.e. what precisely was needed, by whom and date completed).
5. Appendix B gives the full explanation of this work which, when presented to the IPCC Commissioner Mr LONG, resulted in the Analysis being used as a 'best practice' model by the IPCC.

RESULT

6. The Statutory Guidance has been fully adopted by the Professional Standards Branch on behalf of Humberside Police.

RECOMMENDATION

7. It is recommended that Members of the Audit and Strategy Committee note this report.