



## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY

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### Humberside Police Authority has Good Standards

In a visit to Humberside Police Authority's Human Resources Committee, the Commissioner of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), Mr Nicholas Long, commended the work that has been carried out by the Police Authority to promote Professional Standards in policing.

He highlighted the important role of the Police Authority in the complaints process, and stressed its responsibility for publicising the ways in which members of the public can complain about the Police Service.

The Police Authority is also responsible for investigating complaints against Chief Officers and Mr Long highlighted that the public should know that they can complain against senior officers if this is warranted.

Chair of the Police Authority, Alene Branton MBE, said: "The Police Authority is keen to promote the highest standards of professional conduct at all times. If this means that sometimes there are complaints about policing in the Humberside Police area, then I think this is a positive step.

"The complaints system drives improvements in performance and standards. We can all learn from mistakes and the lessons learned are a vital component to any improvement process. We firmly believe that the public should have the confidence to complain and trust that we will then do something with that complaint."

Mr Long also highlighted the strong and healthy relationship that has been built up between the IPCC and the Professional Standards Branch of Humberside Police and commented on the contribution made by the Force and the Authority in relation to joint working in the region.

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