

Police and Crime Panel

1st February 2016

Rape Scrutiny Panel Report



Purpose of report

1. To update the Police and Crime Panel on work undertaken by the Durham Rape Scrutiny Panel.

Current Position

2. As part of the North East Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy, the Durham PCC has established a Police Rape Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise case files which have failed to attain the requisite evidential level for prosecution or where prosecution has failed, and to look for lessons to learn.
3. This report details the first annual report of the Durham Rape Scrutiny Panel. It is a redacted version of the full report, suitable for public consumption. This has been done in order to:
 - avoid compromising the identity of the victims
 - protect the public
 - comply with Freedom of Information considerations
4. The full report has been shared with Durham Constabulary who are producing an action plan in response to the recommendations.

Recommendation

Members of the Police and Crime Panel are asked to:

- i) Note the contents of the report
- ii) Provide any comments and / or questions for the PCC

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