

Question from Cllr Garbutt & Responses from the OPCC
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Question

How does your office oversee the way the Police deal with issues arising from football matches in the region?

Response

Ultimately, it is part of our national policing model that chief constables have operational independence for policing generally, and for policing football matches specifically.

My office has put in place arrangements for me to hold the Chief Constable to account and gain assurance across the whole range of the Chief Constable's statutory responsibilities. My arrangements are explained on the website and here is the link for you <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/about-the-role/>

In addition to what is said on the website, South Yorkshire Police now has a Football Independent Advisory Group (IAG) made up of key representatives from our communities including football club fans and local businesses affected by match days. The IAG reports into a Trust & Confidence Steering Group which is attended by my Community Engagement & Communications Manager who reports back to me on emerging issues.