

I would like to request some further information with regards to my previous email on police misconduct.

I would like to know how many charges were brought against officers after they were found to have committed gross misconduct of a sexual nature by an officer misconduct hearing in the last three years, from the point of reply to this email.

A complaint/incident is raised to our Professional Standards Department (PSD), then if relevant, they will refer it to CPS. If there is then a criminal investigation, the PSD investigation is placed on hold until the end of the criminal investigation. Therefore, the decision of whether there are charges to be brought is made before the decision is made over whether the conduct amounts to gross misconduct, and prior to misconduct proceedings (where the allegations are proven/not proven).

Therefore, no charges were brought against officers after they were found to have committed gross misconduct of a sexual nature by an officer misconduct hearing.

However, in relation to whether charges were brought (regardless of when in the investigation this was), then charges were brought in six out of eight cases. Two of these cases refer to the same officer, so charges were brought against five of seven officers. Of these five, on one occasion, the charges were dropped and there was no further criminal action for the officer.