



**SIMON BYRNE QPM
CHIEF CONSTABLE**

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Dear Chair

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION ON THE NIAO REPORT ON
'SPEEDING UP JUSTICE: AVOIDABLE DELAY IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM'**

I refer to your recent letter of 30 April 2021.

I can confirm that I will attend in person at the Public Accounts Committee on Thursday 20 May 2021 and advise that I will be accompanied remotely by Chief Superintendent Mel Jones who leads on Criminal Justice matters for the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

As requested please find attached a copy of my biography and contact details below

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Simon Byrne'.

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Simon Byrne was appointed Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland on 1 July 2019. Beginning his police career with the Metropolitan Police Service in 1982, he walked the beat around Paddington in West London. He moved to Merseyside Police in 1985, serving 20 years there, during which time he rose to Assistant Chief Constable, leading a range of ambitious crime reduction programmes and building new partnerships. Appointed Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police in February 2009, he was responsible for significant performance improvements removing the Service from the possibility of Home Office intervention and led on the 'Optimus' organisational redesign programme to meet the challenges of austerity. Returning to the Metropolitan Police as Assistant Commissioner for Territorial Policing in 2012, he was in charge of one of the largest operational policing commands in Europe, responsible for the day to day policing of all of London's 32 Boroughs, call centres, criminal justice services and the Safer Transport command. He was part of the command team that policed the London Olympic Games and a member of the Commissioner's Management Board, driving the strategic direction of the Service. Working closely with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime he introduced UK policing's largest performance management process 'Crime fighters' and overhauled the local policing of London. He also chaired the London Criminal Justice Board. He was appointed Chief Constable of Cheshire in 2014. During his time there he oversaw a transformation of the whole organisation, developed a shared Service Centre Collaboration with a number of partner Police Services and opened the first joint Police/Fire Head Office. During his tenure there he was a member of the Sentencing Council for England and Wales. In his current role Simon sits on the Northern Ireland Criminal Justice Board, the Counter Terrorism Coordination Committee and is a member of the National Police Chiefs' Council. He has worked closely with the devolved and UK Government on policing the COVID-19 pandemic and EU Exit. Mr Byrne has extensive operational and command experience and has held a number of national policing portfolios for the National Police Chiefs' Council including, Cannabis Misuse, ANPR, Performance Management, Sex Workers and Prostitution, Air Support and Criminal Justice. He holds a Master of Arts Degree with distinction in Police Management from the University of Manchester and was awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) in Her Majesty's 2016 New Year Honours.