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Support for Police and Crime Panels

November 2012 to March 2013

	November		December	January	February	March	
Scrutinising the PCC's police and crime plan	Launch of on-line forum for police and crime panel members, with letters sent to chairs of panels making them aware of the support available from the LGA, such as LGA panels hotline. Guides previously circulated to host authority officers now	Discussions with CfPS on support and advice that can be provided to panels on scrutiny issues subject to LGA funding.	Start identifying list of panel members to be invited to join member peer network.	Scrutiny support provided to <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> panels (subject to agreement with CfPS).	Panels potentially scrutinise the plans alongside the precept.	31 March – deadline for police and crime plans to be published.	LGA event for police and crime panels to share learning and identify common issues following the first few months in being. Assessment of workload of panels chairs, remuneration of panel members, and financial support for panels from the Home Office to feed
Scrutinising the PCC's precept			Existing list of officer peers reviewed and potential new peers identified.	First edition of PCP bulletin circulated to all panel members in England.			
Confirmation hearings			Any early examples of confirmation hearings identified and invited	List of panel members in England gathered to allow for PCP bulletin to be circulated to all panel members.	Publish guide to the first 130 days of panels' activities including training material and questions for panel members to consider.	1 – 8 February – deadline dates for panel to get precept proposals and to make a report on them.	
			Confirmation hearings case studies circulated to those police and crime panels	Member peer accreditation session run in January, and peer		Any early examples of chief constable confirmation hearings	

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	available on LGA website including on conducting confirmation hearings.	to draw up case studies.	holding confirmation hearings for chief constable appointments.	support then advertised to police and crime panels and panel members. Event(s) for panel chairs run to identify what further support is needed from the LGA. Any new officer peers attend accreditation session, and this support re-advertised to panels. Letters to council leaders on support available from LGA for panels sent out.		identified and invited to draw up case studies.	into Home Office review.
Handling of complaints against the PCC		LGA guide on handling non-criminal complaints	Support and advice provided through hotline and on-line forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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		along with IPCC guide and form on criminal complaints circulated to host authorities.	on the handling of complaints				
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