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ATTWOOD COMMENTS AFTER SPECIAL POLICING BOARD MEETING ON COLLUSION

Commenting after the special meeting of the Policing Board to consider the Police Ombudsman's report into collusion between loyalists and security forces SDLP Policing Board member Alex Attwood MLA stated:

"I very much welcome the quick and strong response by the Policing Board to the Police Ombudsman's report. The Board has properly accepted the Ombudsman's recommendations that it must monitor and ensure implementation of her recommendations. This will help guarantee and deepen the established changes to intelligence management that have been pursued by the Policing Board over recent years.

It is also important that the Board agreed both to give its human rights advisers a pivotal role in this work and also identify others with expertise to ensure that this work gets done. Given that this work is sensitive and concerns sensitive intelligence work it also right that HMIC does not have a role around all of this given the continuing issues around the leadership of that organisation."

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