

John's Story

The Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) has guidelines in place with the NSW Police Force that stipulate if the NSW Police Force receive certain types of complaints reported directly to them they must be notified to the LECC. These are what are known as 'notifiable matters' and the types of matters that the LECC is required to be informed about are set out in the [s14 Guidelines](#) between NSW Police Force and the LECC. The LECC also has these guidelines with the NSW Crime Commission. All notifiable matters from Police are reviewed by a LECC Assessment Officer.

The LECC received notification of a matter regarding allegations of drug use by a NSW Police Officer, John. The LECC reviewed the action taken by Police and considered that while the allegations were serious, the Police were adequately handling the matter. However, the Assessment Officer in this matter, Ngaire, noted the matter was high risk given the allegations, and recommended to the Complaint Action Panel that the matter be actively overseen by the LECC's oversight division. The Complaint Action Panel is an internal meeting consisting of the LECC Commissioners and other key staff which considers what action the LECC will take in regards to misconduct information received, taking into account the recommendations of the LECC Assessment Officers. Ngaire's recommendation for the matter to be actively monitored meant the LECC would receive regular updates concerning the investigation and could monitor any documents or evidence added to the Police database. The Meeting endorsed Ngaire's decision and the matter was closed by Assessments and referred to the Oversight Division for ongoing monitoring.