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Dear Mr Reynolds

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST HC/002568/12

Please note that this request has been aggregated with request number HC/002567/12 for the purposes of the Fess Regulations since both are on a substantively similar subject (relating to complaints and discipline) and both were received within 60 working days of each other.

<p>In light of Plebgate does the Hampshire Constabulary record instances where officers have been accused of manipulating evidence?</p> <p>Beyond, asking an officer if he is telling the truth, how does Hampshire PSD prove the veracity of an officers statement?</p> <p>I am asking simply if conflicting evidence exists, should the Investigating Officer investigate it, or does this only happen in high profile cases. If someone is shown to have lied either as an officer or about an officers account. Should they not be arrested as in Plebgate? Or is this only for high profile cases? Or not something Hampshire Police would do?</p>	<p>Yes, this would be recorded as 'recordable conduct' in accordance with Police Reform Act 2002</p> <p>Evidence would be gathered on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>A proportionate investigation would be conducted to obtain evidence which either supports or otherwise the allegation. Investigations are conducted proportionate to the seriousness of any allegation. Issues of arrest are considered on a case-by- case basis and effected where the necessity to arrest exists.</p>
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Yours sincerely

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