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IPCC Contact:
Freedom of Information Officer
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Dear Mr McGartland,

Your request for information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your e-mail of 31st October in which you refer to the National Audit Office value for money report of 14th November 2008 and make the following requests.

- In respect of the recommendation concerning 'post investigation reviews of independent investigations, to include reviewing the role of the Casework Manager and investigators':
 1. *Please supply me with all information that the IPCC holds concerning above and also what changes the IPCC have made regarding 'formal review' post-investigation reviews of independent investigations, to include reviewing the role of the Casework Manager and investigators?*
 2. *Did IPCC 'institute' such a system. If so, please supply me with all information concerning this. If not, please explain why now.*
- In respect of the recommendation concerning the introduction of a system of external scrutiny of the IPCC's cases:
 3. *Please supply all information concerning above, including what the IPCC have done to 'explore' how to introduce a system of external review of its cases.*
 4. *Please supply all information on any external review system that is in place to review IPCC cases.*
 5. *Please supply all information on any independent organisation or organisations that undertake a quality review of a sample of IPCC investigations and appeals.*

Please find included with this document:

- Doc 1 - Directorate Plan of the IPCC Standards and Quality Directorate for 2011/12 which covers the requirement to review cases and appeals;
- Doc 2 - Self Inspection Document for completion up to three weeks after the start of IPCC Independent or Managed investigations by the lead investigator and case supervisor;
- Doc 3 - The Investigation Review Report form completed by the Senior Investigator in respect of IPCC Managed and Independent Investigations;
- Doc 4 - Investigation Debrief Document for completion in respect of IPCC Managed and Independent Investigations;

- Doc 5 - Investigation Review and Debrief Guidance; and
- Doc 6 - Joint scrutiny agreement between the IPCC, the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and the Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland.

The issues you have raised are considered and reviewed by the IPCC Quality Committee, whose meeting minutes are available on the IPCC web site. At present, there is no specific web page that enables you to navigate the Committee minutes but this will be available within the next two to three weeks. In the mean time, the minutes of each months Committee meetings are annexed to the Commission meeting minutes for the subsequent month and these are available via this web page: http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/en/Pages/commission_meetings.aspx

If you have any further questions, or require clarification in regard to the documents please do not hesitate to ask.

If you are not satisfied with my response under FOIA you may request an independent internal review by our FOI review officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request. If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please contact:

Amanda Kelly
Director of Business Services
Independent Police Complaints Commission
90 High Holborn
London WC1V 6BH

All emails requesting a review should be sent **directly** to: amanda.kelly@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk

Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner; however, I should point out that under section 50(2)(a) of FOIA, you are normally obliged to exhaust the public authority's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Mike Benbow
Director of Standards and Quality
Independent Police Complaints Commission