

Mrs Carol Lingard

By Email

08 November 2016

Dear Mrs Lingard

Ref: 2016-33

Following your recent Freedom of Information request (Fol) sent to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) on 12 October 2016, in which you asked:

- "1. Was Lancashire Constabulary and/or the Lancashire PCC given the opportunity to conduct a 'factual accuracy check' of the HMIC PEEL 2015 Legitimacy Report prior to publication?"*
- 2. If yes please provide a copy of all information held relating to the same.*
- 3. Who was present at the meetings at Lancashire Police HQ between HMIC Mr Cunningham and PCC Mr Grunshaw on 11th March 2015 and 2nd November 2015.*
- 4. Please provide any meeting minutes or notes to these meetings.*
- 5. Mr Cunningham attended a round table presentation at Lancashire Constabulary HQ as part of HMIC's PEEL Inspection on 13th April 2015. Please provide a copy of any information held by the HMIC relating to this presentation that relates to complaint and misconduct matters.*
- 6. Any information you hold which relate to the HMIC raising any issues with Lancashire Constabulary in 2015/16 in relation to their handling of complaints and misconduct issues.*
- 7. Lancashire Constabulary's produced a Professional Standards Reactive Project Overview report dated 14th September 2015. Please can you tell me if the HMIC was provided with a copy and if yes, the date it was provided."*

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary will respond to each question at annex A.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 2016-33. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

Chief Operating Officer
HMIC 6th Floor, Globe House
89 Eccleston Square
London SW1V 1PN
e-mail: haveyoursay@hmic.gsi.gov.uk

As part of any internal review the organisation's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain

dissatisfied after an internal review, you have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of

HMIC FoI Team

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary

Annex A

“1. Was Lancashire Constabulary and/or the Lancashire PCC given the opportunity to conduct a ‘factual accuracy check’ of the HMIC PEEL 2015 Legitimacy Report prior to publication?”

During the pre publication process, HMIC sends a copy of the draft report to the force and requests a check for factual accuracy is completed. If HMIC does not receive a response, it is believed that the force is content with the draft report, and the publication process continues as normal.

It is not standard procedure for HMIC to send a draft report to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) during the pre publication process as it is the force, not the PCC, which has been inspected. The chief constable can include the PCC in the factual accuracy check discussions if they wish.

On 15 December 2015, HMIC sent a draft copy of the 2015 Legitimacy report to Lancashire Constabulary’s Chief Constable, Steve Finnigan.

I confirm HMIC did not receive a response from Lancashire Constabulary during the factual accuracy check period.

“2. If yes please provide a copy of all information held relating to the same.”

Attached to the covering email is a copy of:

- HMIC’s factual accuracy commissioning letter to Lancashire Constabulary; and
- Lancashire’s 2015 legitimacy draft report;

As per section 40 *Personal Information* of the Act, HMIC has redacted personal names and email addresses, where necessary.

A copy of the final report can be found at the following link [HMIC Lancashire 2015 Legitimacy Report](#).

“3. Who was present at the meetings at Lancashire Police HQ between HMIC Mr Cunningham and PCC Mr Grunshaw on 11th March 2015 and 2nd November 2015.”

Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary holds information that the HM Inspector (HMI) of Constabulary, Mike Cunningham, and the PCC, Clive Grunshaw, were present at the 11 March 2015 and 2 November 2015 meetings.

Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary holds no further information of anyone other than the HMI and the PCC being present at this meeting.

“4. Please provide any meeting minutes or notes to these meetings.”

Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary does not hold minutes or notes from either meeting.

“5. Mr Cunningham attended a round table presentation at Lancashire Constabulary HQ as part of HMIC’s PEEL Inspection on 13th April 2015. Please provide a copy of any information held by the HMIC relating to this presentation that relates to complaint and misconduct matters.”

I confirm that HMI Cunningham did attend a strategic round table meeting on 13 April 2015.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary holds no records, presentations or information in relation to complaint and/or misconduct matters, from this meeting.

"6. Any information you hold which relate to the HMIC raising any issues with Lancashire Constabulary in 2015/16 in relation to their handling of complaints and misconduct issues."

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary reported all issues that were identified relating to Lancashire Constabulary's handling of complaints and/or misconduct, in the 2015 Legitimacy report.

Apart from that which is shown in the report, HMIC holds no further information.

"7. Lancashire Constabulary's produced a Professional Standards Reactive Project Overview report dated 14th September 2015. Please can you tell me if the HMIC was provided with a copy and if yes, the date it was provided."

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary does not hold, or have a record of having received, a copy of the 'Professional Standards Reactive Project Overview report'.