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Our Ref 1395828

1st March 2021

Dear David Tomlinson,

I am writing in relation to your request for an internal review of your Freedom of Information request (FOI 1395828).

As a member of staff who was not involved in your Freedom of Information (FOI) request, I have undertaken an internal review of the GMCA's response to your request of the 12th January and further response of 29th January 2021. In conducting my investigation, I have considered your original request and have discussed your request with staff at GMCA who were involved in this matter.

Your request for an Internal Review

Your internal review request of 1st February 2021 outlined the following:

'Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Greater Manchester Combined Authority's handling of my FOI request 'Number of Complaints Reported Against Chief Constable Ian Hopkins and other Chief Officers of GMP'.

GMCA response only identifies the number of complaints of serious corruption that have been recorded against Chief Constable Ian Hopkin during his term of office, which is not the correct answer to my Fol request.

My Fol request was specific in regard as to the number of complaints of serious corruption reported against Chief Constable Ian Hopkins during his term in office. Given that there were only 26 complaints reported against Ian Hopkins during his tenure as chief constable it should be straightforward to identify and confirm how many of them were complaints of serious corruption in accordance with the definition prescribed under the Statutory Guidance.'

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Our response

I have now had the opportunity to review the original handling of your request and the associated correspondence.

After further review I can confirm that the correct number of complaints we have logged against Ian Hopkins is forty, rather than thirty-six as listed in our first response. Of those forty, there was one occasion that the organisation referred a complaint to the IOPC, however this was subsequently returned and not investigated by them. Therefore, we did not consider that this referral fell within the scope of your request and as such it was not referenced in our initial response.

I extend my apologies that our initial response to you indicated an incorrect total number of complaints and did not provide the above clarification about any involvement with the IOPC.

I therefore partially uphold your complaint in this regard.

I hope that this internal review addresses your concerns. However if you are unhappy with the outcome of this internal review, you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner. To do so, contact:

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Yours sincerely

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