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Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your information request of the 7 July 2019. We are considering your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and this letter sets out our interim response.

You requested information regarding a referral made by HMRC.

The IOPC holds information relevant to your request; however, we need further time in which to consider the public interest and provide a full response.

We believe that this information engages the exemption from the right to know contained in sections 31(1)(g) and 31(2)(b) of the FOIA. This exemption applies to information held by any public authority for the purposes of establishing whether any person is responsible for improper conduct.

Information can be refused under section 31 only when the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. We now need further time in which to determine where the balance of the public interest lies and expect to reach our decision within 20 working days of the initial due date for compliance, meaning that you can expect a final decision by the 4 September 2019.

If you have any questions about this request please contact us. Please remember to quote reference number 1007773 in any future correspondence about this matter.

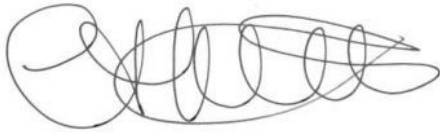
If you are not satisfied with this interim response you may request an internal review by an independent reviewing officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request. If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please provide your representations and grounds for complaint to the following address:

Reviewing Officer
Independent Office for Police Conduct
PO Box 473
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All emails requesting a review should be sent **directly** to: dpo1@policeconduct.gov.uk
Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner; however we should point out that under section 50(2)(a) of

the Freedom of Information Act, you are normally obliged to exhaust the IOPC's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and flourishes, likely belonging to Gemma Thomas.

Gemma Thomas
Data Protection Officer
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