Our reference: 1008409



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## Dear Mr Robinson

Thank you for your information request received on 13 May 2020. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and this letter sets out our response.

Your request was as follows:

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"The following incident was alleged by Lancashire Constabulary to have been referred to yourselves

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lancashire-52358114

Can you please confirm the incident has been referred

Why the news for Lancashire Constabulary on the IOPC page contains no information of the case or no witness appeal.

Further to the above PC Oliver Norris has no update to his hearing and the LC refuse to publish the outcome as it is your investigation will you be publishing the outcome and when...."

In response your first question we can confirm that the incident has been referred and is subject to an independent investigation. A statement confirming our involvement was delayed following changes to our working arrangements and priorities under the Covid–19 pandemic. Information about our progress and our findings will be published on our website at the appropriate time.

In relation to the second part of your request, a publication decision regarding our findings in the independent investigation concerning PC Norris will be made once all associated proceedings have been concluded, in line with our <u>Publication Policy</u>. It is not possible to give a specific date at this time.

If you have any questions about this request please contact us. Please remember to quote reference number 1008409 in any future correspondence about this matter.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may request an internal review by an independent internal reviewer, 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 Sale M33 0BW

All emails requesting a review should be sent **directly** to: <a href="mailto:dpo1@policeconduct.gov.uk">dpo1@policeconduct.gov.uk</a> 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

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**Amanda Rowe** 

**Independent Office for Police Conduct**