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To: Owen Weatherill [REDACTED]; Press Office
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Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Full Fact: Time sensitive, false claims of live investigation into vaccines [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Afternoon all,
We have not been formally recording numbers of attempts to follow this process across the country. Our latest assessment shows that it is still occurring, it would appear that the guidance to not record has been a success as only one additional report has been created. (West Yorks. as below).
Regards
[REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Full Fact: Time sensitive, false claims of live investigation into vaccines [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

I'm slightly behind the curve as I was on leave last week, so I'll ask [REDACTED] to add anything relevant to assist with shaping the response. But in broad terms to answer the four question, I've added some text in red below.

[REDACTED] – can you weight in and correct me if things have changed in the last week pls.

Regards,

Owen

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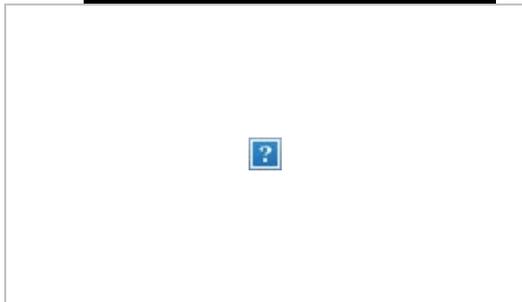
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From: Press Office [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 February 2022 13:37

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Full Fact: Time sensitive, false claims of live investigation into vaccines [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi Owen,

We've had the below from Full Fact on anti-vax claims. We have of course provided them with a statement previously (included [here](#)). However, they want to know if we are able to answer:

- Does the NPCC have an estimate for how many incidents of police officers being served with this "evidence" there have been? **I have no idea how many attempts have been made, but to my knowledge only 2 records have formally been recorded by police forces. The MPS one everyone already know about, and a second in W Yorks recorded on 29/1/22**
- What is the NPCC's position on this sort of campaign by anti-vaccine activists? **We should use some of the existing NPCC quotes on protest and freedom of speech here, but caveated with a warning about where police can and will step in when offences are or are likely to be committed. You should have some stuff on record from [REDACTED]**

that we can draw on which will ensure we remain consistent with earlier lines

- Has the NPCC been contacted directly by campaigners? If yes, could you please describe the nature of the correspondence? **Not into the NPCC directly that I'm aware of – albeit we know that Chief Constables were written to directly before Xmas**
- Are police officers given training to help them deal with evolving misinformation tactics such as this? **Officers are trained to deal with protest in many forms, and also how to engage with protestors to facilitate lawful protest where appropriate. As misinformation has appeared and been circulated, this is shared with forces to enable them to brief their staff appropriately. An example of this is the emergence of “peace constables” and “common law constables”, and forces have been given legal guidance that these two terms are not recognised in law, and have no legal standing.**

Any clarification you can provide on those would be very useful.

Best,



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 14 February 2022 13:16

To: Press Office [Redacted]

Subject: Full Fact: Time sensitive, false claims of live investigation into vaccines [Redacted]

Hello,

I am a journalist at [Full Fact](#) and am getting in touch as I'm looking into the false claims made by anti-vaccine activists that there is a live criminal investigation into the vaccine, often shared alongside the "crime reference number" [Redacted]

We have written about cases of people falsely claiming there is a live investigation several times before ([here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)), but have seen this claim spread more widely over the past week or so.

Police officers have repeatedly been "served" by campaigners with "evidence" detailing the extent of alleged injuries caused by the vaccine. In some cases, the activists have been given crime reference numbers, bolstering claims that there is a legitimate investigation underway. Surveillance of social media groups also shows that people are being actively encouraged to continue "serving" police forces with these bundles of "evidence", and police stations are being repeatedly contacted to confirm whether or not there is a live investigation.

Could you please let me know:

- Does the NPCC have an estimate for how many incidents of police officers being served with this "evidence" there have been?
- What is the NPCC's position on this sort of campaign by anti-vaccine activists?
- Has the NPCC been contacted directly by campaigners? If yes, could you please describe the nature of the correspondence?
- Are police officers given training to help them deal with evolving misinformation tactics such as this?

If you could please get back to me by my deadline of **12pm tomorrow** that would be a huge help.

Best wishes,



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