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Email correspondence passing between Ian Clayton and Durham Constabulary between 01/12/2023 and 25/01/2024, relating to criminal allegations against members of the UK Government team.

From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 25 January 2024, 06:61

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

As some 6 days have now passed, with neither a response nor indeed an acknowledgement from you, in relation to my email below, of 19th February, I shall now progress and escalate matters.

I would point out at this stage, that my report to you, summarised in my email of 21st December 2023, in reporting specifically to Durham Constabulary was in fact in accordance with Crown Prosecution Service guidance.

As for the Metropolitan Police (per your mention/suggestion of such a referral there), I would point out that the Metropolitan Police are presently subject to an application for judicial review in relation to (among other issues), a failure to investigate reports of alleged criminality against public officials (which is of course similar to my report, but in relation to different alleged crimes). It is clear therefore, that neither public confidence, nor the public

interest would be properly served by any such referral to that force, in the circumstances.

Whilst I continue to await your now long-awaited substantive responses to my previous correspondence/allegations, I shall, in any event and as mentioned above, move ahead at this end at this present time.

Kind regards

Ian

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cc:
Durham Police and Crime Commissioner
Liz Brown (Chair, Durham Police and Crime Panel)
Councillor Gerald Lee (Vice-Chair, Durham Police and Crime Panel
Chris Black (Area Communications Manager, CPS - North East
The Office of the Mayor of Durham
+ other unspecified public authorities, interested parties and the members of the public

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From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 19 January 2024, 10:36

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

Thank you for your response below.

Incidentally, I note that you refer in your said response, specifically to ***"...conduct of MPs...",*** when I had not in fact, in my report to you of 21st December 2023, made any such specific mention of, or reference to MPs myself. One can only conclude from this that you yourself (and/or indeed Durham Constabulary) must therefore be of an opinion, consider, or at the very least, suspect, that MPs are involved in the matters which I have alleged. I welcome your comments in this respect.

It is well established that crimes are matters for which police investigation and where necessary, enforcement (rather than mere regulatory intervention by the likes of IPSA) are appropriate and necessary. Therefore, it is clearly appropriate that I have rightly reported the matters concerned to my local police force - in this instance, Durham Constabulary. The matter was, as you will no doubt remain aware, formally reported to Durham Constabulary on 21st December 2023.

Should Durham Constabulary not wish to reconsider their present stance, then I shall pursue this issue in additional relation to the generality of matters brought to your attention to date.

I also note that you have not provided me with the information I had requested in my last email to you and it is most important that you do so. Please therefore, provide me with the following:

(1) the full postal address and the email address for the formal service of any legal papers, notices and any pre-action correspondence and proceedings on Durham Constabulary and;

(2) also confirm whether such should be addressed for your own attention, or for the attention of some other individual within

your organisation, in which latter instance, please provide the necessary required information relating to identity.

I look forward to hearing from you in these respects within the next 24 hours.

Kind regards

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From: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
To: Ian Clayton
Date: 19 January 2024, 09:18

Good morning Mr Clayton,

As I mentioned in my previous correspondence these matters are not within the scope of investigation by Durham Constabulary, based on the information you have provided.

I'm of the opinion that matters relating to conduct of MPs are a matter for the IPSA as previously advised, and I note their reply regarding alleged criminal activity. In that case, if you believe that a crime has occurred, essentially in parliament or at least in government offices, then I would advice that you raise your concerns with the police force covering this area, in this case I'd suggest that the Metropolitan Police would be your best course of action. Have you tried to raise your concerns with them?

I'm afraid that Durham Constabulary would not be the appropriate agency to investigate these matters.

Kind regards

Dean

Dean Haythornthwaite
Chief Inspector 2065
Staff Officer to Chief Constable Bacon
Durham Constabulary

From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 18 January 2024, 19:03

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

I write further to my email below, of 12th January 2024, 17:11 hours, to which I have yet to receive any response from you at all.

Whilst I continue to await hearing from you as I had requested in my said email, I am, at this end, also continuing to progress the subject matters in any event, as indeed I had advised you previously, specifically, in my email to you of 7th January 2024, 15:45 hours.

As a matter of the utmost urgency in the meantime and if necessary, in advance of your substantive response to the matters covered and reported in my email to you of 21st December 2023, 06:25 hours, please provide me with details of (1) the full postal address and (2) the email address for the formal service of any legal papers, notices and any pre-action correspondence and

proceedings on Durham Constabulary and (3) also confirm whether such should be addressed for your own attention, or for the attention of some other individual within your organisation, in which latter instance, please provide the necessary required information relating to identity.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Kind regards

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cc:
Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 12 January 2024, 17:11

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

Having acted upon your earlier suggestion, I have today been in touch with IPSA via email and subsequently, by phone.

I attach an image of my email to them and their email response, which failed to indicate that they were the appropriate authority to undertake any form of criminal investigation. This does of course make sense, given that they perform a regulatory function, with a somewhat limited remit.

I followed up their email response with a phone call, but again, they were unable to confirm for me that a criminal investigation was within their duties or responsibilities.

In the circumstances therefore, I must return this matter to yourself and again, request that you provide me with a substantive response to my email to you dated 21st December 2023, in which I set out the fundamental basis of my report and allegations, which said email also included within it a proportion of evidence, in support.

I do appreciate that the allegations I have made are not, as you say, of a nature which your force will encounter routinely. However, I feel sure you will agree, that such scarcity would not, of itself, indicate that Durham Constabulary are without an associated and proper duty and responsibility in relation thereto. Indeed, I had, in previous correspondence which was sent for the attention of Chief Constable Bacon, suggested that the Major Crime Team (MGT) within the force may be an appropriate investigative team in this instance, given the nature of their role, as is described in force publications. Of course, this is merely my respectful suggestion as to a possible investigative team - not of course a decision or demand for me to insist upon, naturally. I do however remain firmly of the view that the matters I have raised are matters which require appropriate police investigation and action.

Given the circumstances, I look forward to hearing from you, as requested, as a matter of considerable urgency, in light of the time it has already taken to reach this present point, whilst unfortunately remaining without any significant, material progress.

Kind regards

Ian

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cc:
Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 12 January 2024, 09:26

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

Good morning and thank you for your response.

I shall of course proceed to consider your suggested advice.

However, my immediate thoughts are that criminal allegations are matters which, as a matter of course, require police action and I am doubtful therefore that the enquiries and investigations which I will now undertake in light of your suggestion will indicate otherwise, particularly in this instance, as the allegations such as I have reported to you do not have any criminal exemption or similar provisions for Parliamentary matters attaching to them.

I shall return to you upon the issue shortly and certainly within the next 72 hours.

Kind regards

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cc:
Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

From: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
To: Ian Clayton
Date: 12 January 2024, 08:51

Dear Mr Clayton,

My apologies that you have found the time to resolve this longer than you would have hoped, as I'm sure you can appreciate this allegation is not one that we routinely come across in Durham Constabulary.

The email below contains allegations and concerns regarding matters of parliament and is not something, under these circumstances, within the scope of investigation by Durham Constabulary. By way of some advice to assist you in moving this forward, I would suggest that you raise these concerns in the first instance with the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority at: standardscommissioner@parliament.uk.

Many thanks

Dean

Dean Haythornthwaite
Chief Inspector 2065
Staff Officer to Chief Constable Bacon
Durham Constabulary

From: Ian Clayton
To: Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 11 January 2024, 18:39

Dear Durham Police and Crime Commissioner

I refer to your email to me which I received on 18th December 2023 at 10:54 hours and in which you had informed me that you had been in communication with Durham Constabulary Executive Team in relation to the correspondence I had outstanding with them at that time.

I am now writing to you in order to seek and request your possible intervention in directing Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite to respond substantively to my email to him of 21st December 2023, in which I reported an alleged crime which I consider requires proper and careful police investigation and action.

Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite did write to me on 2nd January 2024, indicating that he would contact me, ***"...over the next couple of days"*** but to date, I have received no such proposed response whatsoever.

Below, for your reference and information, you will find the entirety of the communications passing between Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite and myself.

As this matter relates to very serious, evidenced allegations and issues which require intervention in the public interest, I do not consider it reasonable for a substantive response to my email of 21st December 2023 to be further delayed.

Additionally, I must advise you, that as I am of a view that transparency is most vital, particularly in relation to matters which ought to serve the public interest, I have copied this current email which is being sent to you, to Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite too.

Any assistance you can provide, such as may avert further action on my part, in the reasonable and appropriate escalation of my concerns will be most appreciated and in this respect, I therefore look forward to hearing from you as a matter of significant urgency.

Yours faithfully

Ian Clayton

cc:
Chief Indpector Dean Haythornthwaite (Durham Constabulary)

From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 07 January 2024, 15:45

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

I refer to your email of 2nd January 2024 (received by myself at 08:04 hours on that same date) and note that you did state therein, as follows, ***"I will respond to you over the next couple of days."***

I have of course as yet to receive any such response from you and it is now 7th January 2024.

As the evidenced criminal allegation which I made and formally reported to Durham Constabulary in my email to you of 21st December 2023 is a public interest issue which has very significant implications, I feel sure you will appreciate that I myself, as a conscientious member of the public, feel a moral duty and responsibility to strive to progress such issues without delay.

Therefore, whilst I do certainly continue to regard the matter which I have raised to be an issue which requires an appropriate and thorough police investigation, I am also mindful of the possible necessity for me to take additional steps in order to move the matter forward, which I intend to do over the course of the next few days, without further notice.

With the above in mind, I am hopeful of and would appreciate receiving from you a full and substantive response to my said email of 21st December 2023 to which I refer, not later than 17:00 hours on Thursday 11th January 2024.

Kind regards

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From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 02 January 2024, 08:43

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

Many thanks for your email below and Happy New Year to you too.

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break over the festive season.
I look forward to hearing from you further.

Kind regards
Ian

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From: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
To: Ian Clayton
Date: 02 January 2024, 08:04

Good Morning Mr Clayton and Happy New Year,

I have just returned to the office and have both the email below and your hand delivered letter, please allow me some time now to review the contents along with all the other operational matters requiring my attention, I will respond to you over the next couple of days.

Kind regards

Dean

Dean Haythornthwaite
Chief Inspector 2065
Staff Officer to Chief Constable Bacon
Durham Constabulary

From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 27 December, 15:59

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite

I refer to my email to you below, of 21st December 2023, at 06:25 hours, to which I have yet to receive either a reply or indeed an acknowledgement in relation to.

I do of course realise that we are in the festive holiday period and appreciate that this may very well explain and account for any reasonable delay.

However, as this relates to an important issue, which is in the public interest to pursue, I am now taking the opportunity to follow it up with you and therefore look forward to hearing from you shortly in relation to the issues which I have raised and referred to in the said email.

Kind regards

Ian

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From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 21st December 2023, 06:25

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite,

I write further to my email yesterday and have set out below, fundamentally, the nature of what I need to report to you and as you will see, the official Parliamentary record itself indicates that members of the UK Government team have conspired to pervert the course of justice, as well, as seems likely, of engaging in actions which amount to malfeasance in public office. In addition,

evidence does suggest that the course of justice actually has, in fact of action, been perverted. I have many solid examples.

I refer to testimony given by Mr. Dominic Cummings, who was the chief advisor to the former Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, at a joint Health and Social Care Committee and Science and Technology Committee hearing, which took place on Wednesday 26th May 2021.

At the hearing, Jeremy Hunt MP, asked Mr. Cummings,

"Okay. We have talked a lot so far about things that went wrong, but I think we should spend some time on the big thing that went right: the vaccine programme. Three colleagues want to ask you about that, but let me open by asking: what is it that you think we got right on the vaccine that was so different from some of the other things we have been talking about today?"

to which Mr. Cummings responded,

"I think, fundamentally, on vaccines, there was clear responsibility. There was someone who was actually in charge of it—Kate Bingham. She was working with Patrick Vallance; she built a team of people who understood what they were doing. She had the strength of character not to be pushed around.

We had a kind of formal thing which was, "You're in charge of it. You report basically directly to the PM. You don't report to the Department of Health." So she knew who her boss was on it. She built a great team, and we also said to her, "Treat this like a wartime thing. ***Ignore rules. If lawyers get in your way, come to us and we'll find ways of bulldozing them out of your way****."*

Clear accountability, and people who really understood what they were doing. Relative to almost everything else in Whitehall, it was extremely low friction, and there was some great technical help. Those things, when you put them together, meant that it worked better than pretty much anything else."

My criminal complaint and report to Durham Constabulary is not at all about vaccines or Covid 19 pandemic related matters such as was the purpose of the discussion at the hearing on 26th May 2021, but rather, about the emboldened text within the above, which I reproduce here and which reads, ***"Ignore rules. If lawyers get in your way, come to us and we'll find ways of bulldozing them out of your way."*** That section has been emboldened by myself, for emphasis and this statement illustrates very clearly indeed, that in giving such a direction to Kate Bingham, in her professional capacity at that time, the Government team were evidentially aware that there was a likelihood that actions which were being planned, or perhaps already being taken, would result in an investigation being undertaken at some point, or give cause for legal action to ensue as a result. In short, they knew what they were doing was risky, reckless and that it was therefore, at best, questionable...and at worst, potentially criminal in nature.

As well as that, Mr. Cummings' testimony by it's very nature, provides irrefutable proof that members of the Government team had a planned strategy of finding ways to *"bulldoze"* out of the way, lawyers who got in the way, which said action itself would amount, in the circumstances, to perverting the course of justice. Then, I would point out additionally, that in saying, *"we'll find ways..."* (i.e. referring to the involvement of more than a single individual), Mr. Cummings in actual effect admits that a conspiracy between two or more persons is applicable. I believe the general content of the transcript itself provides a persuasive

indication of the identity of at least some of the other involved persons, but of course, appropriate investigation would no doubt clarify this.

Here, in what is a very small section of testimony contained within an official Parliamentary hearing transcript which is in the public domain, can be seen the most obvious indication that a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, perpetrated by members of the Government team, to have taken place.

The full official transcript and full official video is available at https://committees.parliament.uk/oralevidence/2249/html/ That part to which I have referred above, falls within paragraph Q1130 thereof.

An extracted section of the testimony video which relates to the matters I have referred to above can be viewed at https://youtu.be/gVSs57qtySA?si=7St6yZBk83xERB4V

I have considered the facts to which I refer above, having carefully taken account of relevant reference to Thomson Reuters Practical Law and indeed published Crown Prosecution Service considerations and guidance in arriving at this, my own considered conclusion and belief.

Further, I do know for a fact that in actuality, lawyers who 'got in the way', so to speak, have been exceptionally pursued, vilified and had previously impeccable reputations destroyed and I do not consider this to be any mere coincidence. I believe that I have a very good insight into how the "bulldozing" has been carried out and who was likely, in light of matters of which I am aware, to be involved in carrying out this "bulldozing". My awareness of and insight into the central, peripheral and surrounding issues is very considerable indeed.

I could go on. I have much more which I could add and I am in a position to provide more evidence and do in fact have more evidence due to make it's way to me soon, but I anticipate that I have perhaps provided you with sufficient information here, at this point in time at least, in order to enable a good appreciation of the nature of the matter I wish to report and I do now hereby formally report to Durham Constabulary, along with a request that a criminal investigation does urgently ensue.

I would be grateful to receive details of any allocated reference number to relating to this case and of course, I remain at your disposal to provide further evidence or information, such as I may be able to, in order to assist.

It would be very much appreciated if you will please acknowledge receipt of this email in the meantime, upon receipt.

Kind regards

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From: Ian Clayton
To: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
Date: 20 December 2023, 09:54

Dear Chief Inspector Haythornthwaite,
I am grateful to receive your response to my previous correspondence. Thank you.

Please be assured that I will provide you with further details relating to these matters within the next 24 hours.

Regards and good wishes

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From: Chief Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite
To: Ian Clayton
20 Dec 2023, 09:19

Good morning Mr Clayton,

On behalf of the office of the Chief Constable I acknowledge your recent correspondence. I understand that you wish to make a serious allegation of criminality against a senior officials. As you will appreciate this matter would not be investigated in this office, but I can assure you that if you share with me the details of your concern I will allocate to an appropriate and sensitive department to progress, but I will need some details in order to assess this.

I'd be very grateful if you could provide me with a little more.

Kind regards

Dean

Dean Haythornthwaite
Chief Inspector 2065

Staff Officer to Chief Constable Bacon
Durham Constabulary

From: Ian Clayton
To: Durham Constabulary Media Team
Date: 16 December 2023, 16:48

Dear Durham Constabulary Media Team

Re: An unanswered communication addressed to Chief Constable Rachel Bacon in relation to a crime report

I am contacting you now, at the Constabulary Media Team, due to the fact that on 1st December 2023, I attempted to send the email below (which is self-explanatory) to your Executive Team, but my email was rejected (perhaps blocked) on three occasions. I duly contacted your front office enquiry staff, who told me they were unable to suggest any alternative email address which I could use, whilst further advising that I may need to deliver my communication by hand, as the only option remaining available to me.

On the same day, namely, 1st December 2023, at approx. 13:35 hours, I attended your Headquarters Office at Aykley Heads, in Durham, to deliver a printed copy of my email of 1st December 2023, in person. Your reception staff were unable to find any receipt book, in order to provide me with a receipt for the communication I was delivering. They therefore arranged for Sergeant Knott (Collar No. 2082) to attend reception, in order to meet with me on behalf of the Executive Team and to take possession of my printed communication, which was clearly marked for the attention of Chief Constable Rachel Bacon and was passed by myself, to Sergeant Knott.

To date, I have received neither a response, nor indeed even any acknowledgement to my email to which I refer and of course, as your staff could not suggest any alternative email address for my use in this matter, I have now decided to raise the issue via your Media Team within Durham Constabulary, as it is not reasonable to expect me to attend your offices in person on occasions when I need to communicate with police staff.

As the subject matter of the allegations which I wish to make impacts strongly upon the public interest, it is imperative that Chief Constable Bacon responds substantively to my communication of 1st December 2023 without further delay and I would suggest therefore that such a substantive response reaches me not later than 17:00 hours on Thursday, 21 December 2023. In the absence of such a substantive response being received by myself within such time, I will then proceed immediately to give consideration to alternative means of pursuing the issue, including the pursuance of any failures in actions and duties on the part of Durham Constabulary in relation thereto. Notwithstanding any such alternative means to which I refer however, my contention that Durham Constabulary do rightfully need to act, will continue to remain my firmly held belief.

I consider it important to point out now, that the allegations I have to make relate to high profile individuals who hold (and formerly have held) public office positions and it is my view that it is in the public interest that Durham Constabulary do proceed to act upon the issue. Indeed, cases similar to that which I need to report to your force are beginning to gain press attention. By way of illustration, one recent example, is that which calls into question the conduct of two senior UK-based judges. In this particular respect, I would refer you to the investigative documentary which can be viewed at https://youtu.be/KUzaTRK8slI?si=FmMt6s2c18681AZ_

You will see that I have, at this present stage, copied into this email to you, the team of investigative journalists who are dealing with the illustrated case I refer to in the preceeding paragraph, which is itself a separate matter of extremely significant public interest, with implications which are obviously far-reaching in impact, by their nature.

It is abundantly clear to me that the serious matter which I need to report urgently does certainly require to be the subject of a full, detailed and properly conducted police investigation and I would therefore urge Chief Constable Bacon to respond substantively to my email dated 1st December 2023 by 17:00 hours on 21st December 2023, at the latest, as I have indeed referred to above.

Yours faithfully

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cc:
Durham Police and Crime Commissioner (Media office)
Councillor Liz Brown (Chair of Durham Police and Crime Panel)
Independent Office for Police Conduct
Hunt and Gather TV

From: Ian Clayton
To: Durham Constabulary Executive Team
Date: 01 December 2023, 10:58

[This email has been delivered to Durham Police Headquarters by hand, by the writer, on the 1st December 2023, as it is being 'bounced back' when attempts are made to send it electronically]

FAO Chief Constable Bacon

Dear Chief Constable Bacon,

I need to report to Durham Constabulary a matter which in my considered view is a crime (or indeed, very likely, three crimes) which has/have been committed, in order that your force may pursue an appropriate and thorough investigation into the matter(s).

I am writing to yourself in particular at present, due to the fact that the person(s) I consider to be reponsible, are current/former public officials and the crimes which I will allege to have been committed were very clearly committed in a 'public office' (public administration) capacity, so to speak.

I prefer not to elaborate at this stage, as I feel that this matter, in terms of sensitivity, ought not necessarily to be for all within your Executive Team to have sight of (but I do appreciate, of course, that such is at your discretion - I am merely being cautious at this point as I appreciate that such a decision is not at all mine).

Further, I believe and would suggest, having thoroughly reviewed the Durham Constabulary web site, that the matter, due to it's very nature and the identity of those I consider to be, or likely to be involved, may perhaps appropriately fall within the procedural remit of your Major Crime Team (MCT), whilst I again realise that such is not for me to decide, naturally.

In the circumstances described above, I would appreciate your direction as to how you want me to proceed with this, from the current position, going forward.

I very much look forward to hearing from you with some urgency.

Regards

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