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Mr Mark Sexton
By email only to:

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2 July 2026

Dear Mr Sexton,

On 24 June 2026, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Professionalism Directorate (PD) made a referral to the IOPC regarding a complaint that was made by you regarding the decision by officers to close an investigation into the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

We are independent of the police service and are responsible for monitoring the police complaints system across England and Wales. Police forces must refer any complaints to us which meet the mandatory referral criteria¹.

When a referral is made to us, we complete an assessment to consider whether or not an investigation is required. If an investigation is deemed necessary, we will decide who the most appropriate authority is to conduct the investigation.

We have reviewed the information provided to us, in conjunction with the IOPC's core work, thematic guidance and statutory guidance², and we have decided that this matter will be subject to a local investigation. This decision will be communicated to the MPS PD who are responsible for investigating or delegating the investigation to the appropriate team.

It is important to note that each decision is made on a case-by-case basis and in doing so we consider a number of different factors. However, in order not to prejudice the impending investigation, we are limited in what we can disclose at this stage in relation to this decision.

To provide clarity, PD are a separate department within the police force that are responsible for Complaints and Misconduct, Counter corruption, Vetting and Governance. Further information regarding the role of this department can be found on the force's website. MPS PD will be responsible for keeping you updated on the progress of the investigation or will inform you if alternative investigative arrangements are being made. An investigator will contact you in due course. I am sending a copy of this letter to MPS PD.

Although this will be a local investigation, at the end of the complaint handling, you will be able to apply for a review to the IOPC if you are unhappy with the outcome, or with the way your complaint was handled. This provides an element of independent oversight to the

¹ <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/publications/statutory-guidance-2020>

² <https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/our-work/investigations>

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handling of your complaint. You will receive information about how to request a review when the complaint handler writes to you with the outcome.

In the meantime, MPS PD will keep you updated on the progress of the investigation or will inform you if alternative investigative arrangements are being made. The investigator should be in touch with you in due course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any more information in relation to this decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Yaaseen', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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