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Dear Mr Woolard

IPCC oversight of investigation into police accepting payments from journalists

I refer to your letter of 11 July 2011 to our Director of Investigations, Moir Stewart. It may be in view of recent events that you no longer need a response from us, however I felt it was important to ensure our role was understood.

Moir Stewart is not involved in this case. At present, I am responsible on behalf of the IPCC for supervising the investigation being led by Deputy Assistant Commissioner Sue Akers of the Metropolitan Police, into allegations that police officers received payments from News of the World (Operation Elveden). I have made it clear to the MPS that as and when individual officers are identified I would be minded to independently investigate but any decision will take into account the complex issues raised by this case.

The IPCC has no involvement in the wider investigation into alleged unlawful activities involving News International (Operation Weeting).

Given that, at present, the IPCC is not carrying out a separate investigation from that of DAC Akers, if further information or liaison is required this should be arranged with the MPS.

Should you have any questions I would of course be happy to discuss.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Chair
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cc. DAC Akers