



Chief Superintendent Martyn Ball, Head of Specialist Support Directorate

Email: DPA

3rd February 2020

Dear Mr Campbell,

I write on behalf of Leicestershire Police in my role as the delegated Appropriate Authority in relation to Professional Standards. Please thank your team for providing me with the further disclosure I requested in connection with the operation Nori investigation report and your decision document. I have now had the opportunity to consider this disclosure in the context of the report and the rationale behind your determinations.

I understand from your correspondence, that under the relevant provisions I am not required to communicate a formal response. I have been advised that our legal teams agree that Leicestershire police is not the Appropriate Authority for Mr Michael Creedon. Notwithstanding this and given the time I have taken to consider all reports and further disclosure, it is necessary to correct underlying factual inaccuracies upon which your conclusions relating to Mr Christopher Thomas (SIO for Operation Dauntless) are based:

- At page 48 of your decision document, you state that Mr Thomas sent a covering note on files to the CPS asserting that *"there are no further reasonable lines of enquiry which would strengthen the case to a point of where a prosecution becomes possible"*. I believe that this assertion has been wrongly attributed to Mr Thomas. The evidence establishes that Mr Rock made this statement within the form MG3 and the statement forms part of the advice provided by Mr Rock.
- On the same page of your decision document, it is stated that Mr Thomas indicated in the covering note *"that interviewing Lord Janner would not assist the investigation as it was likely that he would respond 'no comment' to questions put to him."* This statement has also been wrongly attributed to Mr Thomas and is not contained within the covering note. Mr Rock made this statement in the MG3 as follows:

"I do not consider that interviewing Greville JANNER would further the investigation. Given that he answered "no comment" to all questions put to him in Restriction Order about JA-A27's (name removed) allegations, there is no reason to believe that he would do anything different in relation to those made by JA-A8 (name removed)."

The rationale in your decision document relies on these assertions to determine that a reasonable tribunal could conclude that the conduct of Mr Thomas amounted to gross misconduct. As a matter of fairness, the rationale behind your decision must have a sound evidential basis. In the light of these corrections, we invite you to reconsider your determination in respect of Mr Thomas.



I understand that this has been a lengthy, sensitive and complex investigation and you are under no formal obligation to assess these representations. Notwithstanding this and given the potential impact of the content in your decision document, I feel duty bound to bring these errors to your attention at this stage.

It is important that the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has sight of these representations prior to the preliminary hearing on 20th February 2020, as disclosure of your report has already been made to Core Participants. However, I recognise the remit of the IOPC in this case and invite you to make the disclosure. Should you disagree that disclosure should be made within the timeframe suggested, I should be grateful if you would contact me to discuss matters with a view to finding a suitable resolution.

Yours sincerely,

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