

REQUEST 1

I have been directed to the mayors office by the Thames valley pcc regarding my complaint about the recent report on national news about two met police officers who, in answer to a 999 call, decided to stop off at a McDonald's for a burger on the the way. I and and all of the tax paying public wish to understand what this behaviour says about Police training ,ethics and ethos and perhaps morale and why such behaviour does not lead to dismissal on the grounds of gross misconduct in public office.

RESPONSE 1

Thank you for your email about the conduct of two police officers who stopped at McDonald's restaurant whilst responding to an emergency call and your request to know why these officers were not dismissed.

The Metropolitan Police Service have informed us that the two Tower Hamlets police constables attended a public gross misconduct hearing on Monday, 27 February and Tuesday, 28 February to answer allegations they had breached standards of professional behaviour in respect of 'duties and responsibilities'. After considering all the evidence and mitigation the police misconduct panel, chaired by an independent legally qualified chair, found the allegations proven as misconduct only. Final warning is the highest sanction that can be handed down in misconduct only cases, dismissal is an option only in cases where there is proven gross misconduct. The officers had previously admitted their actions amounted to misconduct. They were given final written warnings.

The Mayor's Police and Crime Plan, launched on 20 March 2017, stresses the importance of building a better police service for London, and key to this is ensuring the police are held to account for their actions whilst also learning when things go wrong, to prevent similar incidents happening again in the future.

I hope that you have found this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

REQUEST 2

No not at all helpful.

Going for a burger instead of answering a 999 call, under any reasonable basis this would appear to be GROSS misconduct in public office.

Please send to me the full and complete hearing papers by return.

RESPONSE 2

Thank you for your further email of 26 March to MOPAC.

Regarding your request for the full and complete hearing papers, this request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I confirm that MOPAC does not hold the information you request and would advise that you direct your request to the Metropolitan Police Service, using this link: <http://www.met.police.uk/foi/>

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>