

Hello,

I want to thank you and the tens of thousands of other Londoners who have contacted me about Belly Mujinga.

Belly's death is heart-breaking, and my thoughts are with her family and friends during this incredibly hard time. They made the difficult and brave decision to speak about their loss publicly in order to protect other frontline workers during the pandemic. I am grateful to them for doing so. We must do everything we can to protect workers like Belly.

I know that Belly's death has been a cause of real pain and anger amongst Londoners, including particular concerns about the investigation into her death. Many people understandably see the death of Belly, a black Londoner who was fulfilling vital frontline work, as symbolic of the societal inequalities that this pandemic has exposed and which I am committed to tackling.

Although the British Transport Police are not within my remit as Mayor of London, your letter and those of others have made clear to me the strength of feeling about this matter.

Given this and my own concerns, I have written to the Chief Constable of the British Transport Police (BTP) to ask the BTP for more details on their decision not to pursue the case. Sophie Linden, my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, has also been in touch with the BTP at senior levels.

I have asked the BTP to provide any additional information about the situation, the rationale for the decision not to pursue the investigation, and more details about the support being provided to Belly's family. I have also asked for more information on the steps that BTP and others are taking to protect our city's transport workers during this pandemic. On Friday 5 June, the BTP invited the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to carry out an independent review of the available evidence, and whether there are any further lines of enquiry which should be considered. To read the BTP's official statement please visit –

[https://media.btp.police.uk/r/17239/update\\_statement\\_regarding\\_victoria\\_station\\_inve](https://media.btp.police.uk/r/17239/update_statement_regarding_victoria_station_inve)

Belly Mujinga was an employee of the train operating company Govia Thameslink who operate Southeastern trains, and not Transport for London, but her death has rightly raised awareness of the risks to frontline transport staff during this pandemic and the need to do all we can to protect these heroic key workers.

As Mayor I have taken measures to ensure that Transport for London staff and all other functional bodies across the Greater London Authority (GLA) family, who are at particular risk of Covid-19 - including BAME staff and those with underlying conditions - will have access to a risk assessment to make sure their physical and mental wellbeing is being protected in this crisis. We owe it to every Londoner, regardless of background or ethnicity, to ensure they can live and work in safety.

Many of you have also demanded the CCTV footage of the incident be released to the public. The national rail station at London Victoria, where the incident took place, is managed by Network Rail and therefore the GLA and the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) do not hold the information you are seeking for the purpose of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, I understand many feel strongly about this and my team have passed on these concerns to Network Rail.

Thank you again for contacting me about Belly Mujinga. She will not be forgotten.

Yours sincerely,

**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>