

Operational Note

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has today made a voluntary referral to the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) following the receipt of a public complaint concerning the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

The complaint was passed to MOPAC by the Metropolitan Police Service on 18 November 2019 and relates to matters associated with Operation Midland.

Under the Police Reform Act, MOPAC is the appropriate authority for dealing with complaints against the Commissioner. These responsibilities are discharged by MOPAC's Chief Executive.

MOPAC has reached a decision that the complaint should be recorded. 'Recording' in this context means that a record is made of the complaint giving it formal status as a complaint under the Police Reform Act 2002.

MOPAC considers that the exceptional circumstances of this case, together with the fact that the IOPC have recently conducted an independent investigation into closely related matters, justifies voluntary referral to the IOPC.

The IOPC encourages appropriate authorities to refer complaints or recordable conduct matters that do not have to be referred but where the gravity of the subject matter or exceptional circumstances justifies referral.

In recording the complaint and subsequently deciding to voluntarily refer the complaint to the IOPC, MOPAC is making no judgment about the complaint. Nor has an investigation into the complaint been conducted at this stage.

MOPAC is asking the IOPC to determine whether or not it is necessary for the complaint to be investigated.

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