### **Professional Standards Branch**

Our Ref: CO/02570/22 Date: 02 February 2023



Mr Adam John Moores 42 Windermere Road, Dukinfield, Tameside SK16 4SJ

### Dear Mr Moores

I refer to the complaint you have made against members of Greater Manchester Police.

Professional Standards Branch (PSB) have responsibility for ensuring all complaints and concerns raised with regard to the actions and conduct of police officers and members of staff are correctly recorded and handled.

Your complaint has been recorded under the reference number **CO/02570/22** in accordance with statutory guidelines. Further information with regard to the handling of police complaints can be found on the website of the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC); <a href="https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/">https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/</a>

I have set out below how I have interpreted your complaint and how this has initially been recorded. My handling of your complaint has included emails between ourselves and a discussion we had together over the phone.

The allegations below have been recorded. Please note, these are only a summary of the allegations raised.

### **Allegation One: Discreditable conduct**

You believe that two married GMP Police officers have been targeting you. You believe that the reason for this is that their adult daughter is a friend of an ex-partner of yours. During our conversation you advised that you did not always treated the expartner well and the daughter/friend and her parents (the two married officers) incorrectly believed that you may have at times caused her injury/harm.

You allege that these officers, whilst off duty, and their daughter have turned up at your address and sat outside in a vehicle watching your home.

Your further allege that the male officer has also driven up and down your street on his own.

# **Allegation Two: Discriminatory Behaviour**

That these officers have also influenced other officers in the force/a probation officer/staff in prison to collude against you and this has caused you to be targeted.

That the influence and direction of these two officers has led to proactive Police actions that have caused you to be in significant financial deficit.

# Allegation Three: Police powers, policies and procedures

The actions/influence of the two officers have caused for you to have had 2 motor vehicles seized

Your drivers licence should never have been taken from you and this only happened because you were being targeted. To this end you feel that the decision should be revoked.

Following initial assessment of your complain, our discussion and by checking Police systems, I have determined that the matter, having been recorded, can be dealt with in a reasonable and proportionate manner, otherwise than by investigation.

# In response to Allgegation One

From the information that you provide, I believe I have been able to identify the officers to whom you refer. I cannot find any evidence to substantiate that they are connected to one another in any way.

For reasons of confidentiality I cannot provide further explanations/information to this end, however I would like to reassure you that I can find no evidence in our records that relates to any untoward actions that have been taken against you by either officer.

I know that you have made contact on a number of occasions with the GMP in relation to the male officer in particular – most recently as per log 1758-010223 wherein you advised that he was driving on your street.

You have previously mentioned spotting this male at other locations you have attended. The male (and the two females) being in the same location as you does not constitute a crime nor warrant making contact with the police.

I would suggest, however that if this male is ever threatening to you or attempts to gain entry to your property you call 999.

# In response to **Allegation Two**

From checking Police records, I cannot find any evidence that any GMP officers have been colluding against you.

From what I can see, the incidents have occurred due to genuine concerns. For instance incident 184-090821 refers to you being stopped due to the manner of your

driving, upon speaking with yourself the officer was aware of the smell of alcohol and breath tested you, you provided a roadside reading of 42. Furthermore, you were already disqualified from driving at this time.

Previous offences on the system relate to your driving without insurance/driving without an MOT.

I understand that you feel that if the officers concerned weren't targeting you, that you would not have been subjected to these charges however there is no evidence to substantiate this claim nor the claim that external agencies were also influenced against you.

Unfortunately there is no reasonable or proportionate way to further explore these claims which appear to be speculative, if you can help evidence them further in any way then please do so.

# In response to Allegation Three

I completely understand your frustration and disappointment at having two vehicles seized and losing your licence.

Again, I have looked at our systems I hve determined that one vehicles was seized due to you driving without insurance and an MOT and the other was seized due to you driving whilst being disqualified from driving and being under the influence of alcohol. This would be the expected conclusion for any driving found doing the same.

When you received notice of your licence being revoked, you would have been provided then with ample opportunity to challenge the decision and provide any contrary evidence during the the judicial process.

In relation to officers proactively colluding against you, our systems record no evidence of this and to this end it is not something that can be further considered.

I am sorry for the delay in responding to your complaint, especially as I understand you have been eager to hear from me.

When we discussed your complaint, I did advise that the response received may not be what you wanted to hear and I am sorry if you are disappointed by the outcome I have provided.

I am also concerned about how angry you feel about what perceive to have occurred. In your call to our Force Communications Centre (FCC) yesterday you stated that you may do something to the male whom you believed to be the police officer if GMP did not. You also advised that you were frustrated.

At this time, I can find no evidence of a crime against you but would strongly advise against challenging anyone in the street.

In relation to the anger and the frustration you feel, we have spoken previously about your mental health and I would urge you to possibly seek a review with your GP in relation to the way you currently feel.

I really hope that the above addresses your concerns and goes some way to reassuing you in relation to an issue that I understand has been upsetting for you.

You do have a right of review against the decision not to investigate your complaint, to the **Local Policing Body (LPB).** 

The review period is 28 days commencing the day after the date of this letter. You therefore have until 3 March 2023 to submit an application for review should you wish to do so. Please note an application for review **must** be in writing and state:

- a) The details of the complaint;
- b) The date on which your complaint was made;
- c) The name of the force or local policing body whose decision is the subject of the allegation, and
- d) The date on which you were provided with the details about your right of review at the conclusion of the investigation or other handling of your complaint.

If you are not satisfied with how your complaint was handled by Greater Manchester Police, then you can request an independent review by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA). The Mayor, Andy Burnham and Deputy Mayor, Baroness Beverley Hughes are responsible for the performance of Greater Manchester Police and from 1st February 2020 became responsible for the management of independent reviews of police complaints that are not otherwise managed by the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

If you request a review of how your complaint was handled, the review will be undertaken by the GMCA Police Complaints Review Team, which is independent of the police. The review cannot reinvestigate the complaint but will consider whether the handling of the complaint was reasonable and proportionate.

If you decide to request an independent review of your complaint, there is a form enclosed with this letter which should be completed and returned via post or email to:

Email: police.reviews@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk

Postal address: Police Complaint Reviews Greater Manchester Combined Authority 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Churchgate House 56 Oxford Street Manchester, M1 6EU Greater Manchester Police process your information in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Further details can be found on our website <a href="https://www.gmp.police.uk/hyg/fpngmp/privacy-notice/">www.gmp.police.uk/hyg/fpngmp/privacy-notice/</a>

Yours sincerely

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