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Appealing against the **decision to discontinue an investigation**

Internal Use Only

We must receive your appeal within 29 days of the date of the letter telling you about the outcome of the complaint. This includes the time your appeal spends in the post.

Please tick the appropriate box: Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other (please specify)

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First name: (Please write clearly)

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Surname: (Please write clearly)

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Your address:

.....Postcode.....
Daytime telephone number Evening telephone number

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Email address

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Date you made on your complaint

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Reference number (if known)

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If you have received a letter about the decision to discontinue the investigation into your complaint, please give the date of that letter.

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What was the reason (s) given to discontinue the investigation into your complaint?
Please select one or more of the below (if known).

☐ Refusal to cooperate

☐ The complaint was considered suitable for local resolution

☐ The complaint is repetitious

☐ It was considered not reasonably practicable to proceed – for example, the investigation can no longer continue because:

- a crucial piece of evidence has been irretrievably lost or damaged
- the cost of obtaining a crucial piece of evidence is not proportionate, or
- crucial witnesses are not willing to cooperate

☐ The complaint was considered to be vexatious, oppressive or an abuse of procedures – (this could mean the complaint is without foundation and could cause harsh or unfair treatment of the person complained about).

Please explain why you want to appeal based on the reason(s) selected above, continuing on a separate sheet if necessary.

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If you have any documents that support your appeal please list below or attach to them to this form when submitting your appeal.

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Signature of the person making this appeal:

Date:

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All public bodies, are obliged to record the ethnicity of people using its service. Being able to identify the ethnicity of complainants helps us to check it is reaching all sections of society. Please describe your ethnicity using the boxes below.

WHITE

- ☐ White British
- ☐ White Irish
- ☐ Any other White background

MIXED

- ☐ White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ White and Black African
- ☐ White and Asian
- ☐ Any other mixed background

ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH

- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Bangladeshi
- ☐ Any other Asian background

BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH

- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ African
- ☐ Any other Black background

CHINESE OR OTHER ETHNIC GROUP

- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Any other ethnic group

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Where to send this form

**Professional Standards & Legal Services Department
Peterlee Police Office
St Aidans Way
Peterlee
Co Durham
SR8 1QR**

Guidance

Can I appeal about the decision to discontinue the investigation into my complaint?

Discontinue means to end an ongoing investigation into a complaint. An appeal can be made about a decision to discontinue an investigation into a complaint.

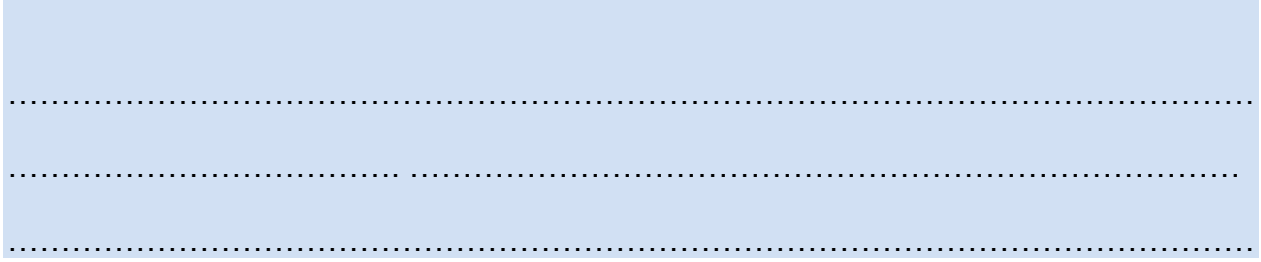
You can appeal if:

- your complaint was about the conduct of a police officer or member of police staff
- the IPCC did not give permission to the police to discontinue the investigation
- you do not think the police should have discontinued the investigation

However, you cannot appeal when the complaint relates to a direction and control issue. Direction and control means the overall policies of a police force, for example police resources and policing standards

Additional notes

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