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Mrs M Bulbeck

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Dear Mrs Bulbeck

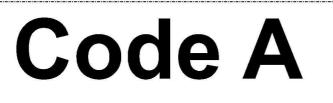
I am responding to your letter dated 6 March 2003, addressed to Ian Readhead, Deputy Chief Constable. I have been asked to respond to the elements of your letter that deal with my investigation of the complaint against Chief Superintendent James.

I am in the process of preparing my report for the Police Complaints Authority (PCA), which will include the findings of my investigation along with my recommendations as to the appropriate course of action in relation to Code A As my investigation into the matters is still effectively current, it would not be appropriate at this stage for me to discuss the details of the case. I can, however, assure you that the investigation is being conducted as expeditiously as possible, and I hope to have it completed in the very near future. I accept the point that you make in relation to the time scale. The PCA have stated that the universal 120 day time scale, is not appropriate to every case. In cases such as this one, it is preferable to spend additional time to ensure that all the complexities of the case have been considered and addressed, rather than risk missing vital elements in an attempt to satisfy the time limit set.

Once my investigation is complete the file, with my recommendations, will pass via the Deputy Chief Constable, to the Police Complaints Authority. It is the role of the PCA to conduct a review of the investigation and my recommendations. Once that review has been conducted to their satisfaction they will then write direct to you, and the other complainants, with the result.

I am sorry that I am unable to offer any further information at this stage, but I am sure you will understand my reasons.

Yours sincerely



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