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Mrs Bulbeck

**Code A**

3 February 2006

Dear Mrs Bulbeck

Thank you for your letter dated 16 January 2006 addressed to Mrs Allen. As Casework Manager responsible for this case I have been passed a copy of your letter to respond. I firstly draw your attention to my letter dated 16 January 2006, which may have already provided explanation to some of your concerns. However, for clarification I will attempt to answer the points you raise in your letter and must apologise for any confusion over our communication with you.

In relation to the meetings arranged with Rebecca Marsh and John Wadham, you will be aware from the public apology issued by the IPCC on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005, that John Wadham offered to meet with all the complainants with the Commissioner Rebecca Marsh. This meeting will go ahead should all the complainants wish to attend as a group however, in the interim Rebecca Marsh has offered to meet with the complainants individually to afford them the opportunity to have their individual concerns addressed over the handling of the case by the IPCC.

There has been no withdrawal of an offer to meet with any of the complainants but I can confirm that it has proved a difficult task to schedule the individual meetings with the separate complainants due to the availability of Rebecca Marsh and taking into account the Christmas holiday period. I am sure you will agree that it is important that all of the complainants are afforded the opportunity to meet individually with the Commissioner.

I note that an agreement has been reached that John Wadham will telephone Mr Wilson on your behalf to discuss the public apology issued by the IPCC.

I also take this opportunity to stress that the decision, as outlined in my letter of 16 January 2006 is to complete the file in line with the Police Act 1996. The file is subject to a full and considered review, and additional information has now been received as requested from Hampshire Constabulary which will allow the file to be completed and recommendations made. Once the file has been completed, taking into account representations from each of the complainants, the IPCC will consider its performance in how the case was handled, and all complainants will be contacted and informed of the outcome.

I appreciate that you have lost confidence in the IPCC, but I do hope that you will take the opportunity to meet with the Commissioner as suggested.

In the meantime should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly on Code A

Yours sincerely

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