

My complaint is against Hampshire Police. It concerns a report produced by Colin Smith in April 2014, who was head of professional standards at the time, I am not certain if he still is. The report was in relation to an IPCC case involving Dorset Police, it is available here:

<http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/Performance/Dorset-Police-Road-Safety-Investigation-Report.aspx>

This is a part of a massive case which has been persistently mishandled over a long period of time but the misconduct of Hampshire Police is simple and must be considered in isolation. Hampshire have tried to dodge it by suggesting that as the case was concluded by the IPCC any challenge is vexatious. The simple fact is that Colin Smith as head of professional standards, misrepresented what he believed and knew in the important report he delivered to Martyn Underhill, and this resulted in the extension of a cover up of (including many other things) a £1million fraud Dorset Police were involved in. This is a matter of serious misconduct and corruption, it is as simple as that, and Hampshire Police have now protected him.

The few communications I have had with Hampshire will fully explain and prove the point. My initial complaint against Colin Smith and Sally French starts on page 2. The response from Hampshire starts on page 4 and my reply starts on page 6

Initial complaint, sent on the 19th October, 2014:

Please will you process this as a formal complaint against Colin Smith, Head of Professional Standards, and Sally French from the Anti-Corruption Unit.

They investigated a case against Martin Baker of Dorset Police, on matters of misrepresentation of speed camera finances and safety benefit. I can easily demonstrate that they were aware of and agreed with issues relevant to the terms, but chose instead to completely ignore this and conclude in their report that there was no misrepresentation or misconduct presumably in order to try to protect Dorset Police and the ex-chief, and indeed many others, against a multitude of other serious cover-ups and failings including a £1 million speed camera fraud.

Although the issues are serious, widespread and shocking, as you can see at www.dorsetspeed.org.uk, I will demonstrate that CS and SF failed even against the simplest technical interpretation of the terms which can be seen here in section 4: [http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Road-Safety-Investigation-Report-\(July-2014\)/1--Investigating-Officers-Report-\(April-2014\)--Supplementary-Report-\(July-2014\).pdf](http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Road-Safety-Investigation-Report-(July-2014)/1--Investigating-Officers-Report-(April-2014)--Supplementary-Report-(July-2014).pdf)

1. The former Chief Constable has misled the public in respect of the improvements in safety associated with the location and operation of fixed and mobile speed cameras in Dorset
2. The former Chief Constable has misled the public in respect of the improvements in safety and the costs / revenue associated with the operation of the Dorset Driver Awareness Course

Also note points 7 and 8: The investigation should identify conduct matters relevant to other senior and junior officers

And in an email I received from CS on the 11th July 2013 "As Chief Constable responsibility for all actions of the force would rest with him, we are examining whether Mr Baker personally misled the public, but this would include whether he knowingly allowed communications from Dorset Police to mislead the public"

I will now simply demonstrate with 2 simple clips from the meetings that CS and SF should have concluded that the terms of this complaint (in conjunction to the points above) were completely met:

On point 1: [Clip 3](#): (First meeting) – Misrepresentation of course finances: "So, bringing back to what we should be doing, ... what you would like is a proper, honest breakdown of costing in relation to the course ... I've seen your email correspondence and your challenge of the figures and I can see why you're challenging the figures, they don't stack up" (**the proper breakdown was never provided and this was not mentioned again**)

On point 2: [Clip 8](#): This is from the second meeting: Misrepresentation of safety performance: "it would be reasonable in our report to raise the points that you've made ... the KSI improvements **COULD NOT** be totally reflective of the action taken .. that hasn't been properly reflected in the communication at all these levels, and we will say that" (**they did not even mention it**)

And you can see countless examples of lies, errors, omissions, inconsistencies and points of serious misconduct in my full review at www.dorsetspeed.org.uk , and yet CS and SF concluded in the final report which:

1. carefully avoided any mention or further analysis of the crucial points above
2. listed a large number of points irrelevant to the terms in great detail
3. totally ignored the £1million Dorset speed camera fraud
4. totally ignored the fact that MB had previously dodged the same issues in a formal complaint made to him so that MB could not possibly claim to be unaware of them
5. wasted at least another entire year

... that Martin Baker had not knowingly allowed these misrepresentations and that they had been unable to find any misconduct anywhere!!

It could not be more obvious that CS and SF have distorted the report so that it protects Dorset Police and MB, rather than acting in the public interest and reporting the facts as they know them to be. Not only does this make a mockery of their job titles and bring further shame and mistrust to the police in general which you can see for example in the comments and votes in articles like [this](#), it is in itself a serious matter of misconduct, corruption and cover up, not to mention breach of statutory duty of care and general professional standards. The bottom line is that where this malpractice is allowed to continue in something as important as road safety more people are killed and seriously injured than would be without such protection and the correction that is so badly needed.

Ian Belchamber

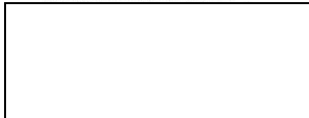


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28th October 2014

Dear Mr Belchamber,

I acknowledge receipt of your recent email dated 19th October 2014.

I am sorry you have not received the level of service you expected from Hampshire Constabulary.

Your email details complaints against Detective Superintendent Smith and Detective Sergeant French in respect of their investigation into complaints made by yourself against Mr Martin Baker of Dorset Police. The investigation was conducted at the request of the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner.

You make reference to two clips from two meetings with the officers which you state that were not mentioned in their final report. You additionally state that their report avoided mention of further analysis, listed a large number of irrelevant points and totally ignored other factors.

I am aware that following receipt of their investigation report you submitted an appeal to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) who did not uphold your appeal, communicating their decision to you on 22nd September 2014. I am aware that there is no right of appeal against the IPCC decision.

In making a recording decision in accordance with the Police Reform Act I have to decide whether your complaint is in respect of the conduct of the officers or in respect of the findings of their investigation. I conclude that your complaint is clearly against the findings and that the correct course of action would be to submit an appeal to the IPCC. As you have already submitted an appeal, which was not upheld it would appear that your complaint is an attempt to circumvent the procedures contained within the Police Reform Act.

I therefore conclude that your complaint is vexatious, oppressive or otherwise an abuse of the procedures for dealing with complaints and according to the Police Reform Act 2002 (Paragraph 2, schedule 3) and the Police (Complaints and



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Misconduct) Regulations 2012, the matters you raise cannot be recorded as a complaint against police.

You have a right of appeal against the decision not to record this complaint to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) within 28 days from the date of this letter. In this case your appeal should be received by the IPCC by the 25th November 2014. If you wish to submit an appeal, please visit the IPCC website www.ipcc.gov.uk. Alternatively if you do not have access to the internet, you can telephone the IPCC on 0300 020 0096 and request a hard copy of the appeals leaflet.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Chatterton'.

Mark Chatterton
Chief Superintendent
Head of Professional Standards Department

My reply, 30th October 2014

Dear Mr Chatterton,

Thanks for your letter which I received today explaining that my complaint against Colin Smith and Sally French was vexatious.

I see, so:

1. Colin Smith produced a report which can be demonstrated in a couple of simple paragraphs and even audio evidence to be in conflict with what he actually knew and believed.
2. Martyn Underhill and the IPCC working from that report reach a conclusion that conflicts with the truth and the public interest but is convenient to the establishment.
3. Because the decision that the PCC and IPCC reached AS A RESULT OF THAT CORRUPT REPORT FROM COLIN SMITTH was that there was no misrepresentation or misconduct, a complaint against Colin Smith is vexatious.

It would be comical if it was not so serious.

From your letter: "I have to decide whether your complaint is in respect of the conduct of the officers or in respect of the findings of their investigation. I conclude that your complaint is clearly against the findings..." No, it is in respect of **conduct**, you concluded wrongly. I remind you of my summary comment:

"It could not be more obvious that CS and SF have distorted the report so that it protects Dorset Police and MB, rather than acting in the public interest and reporting the facts as they know them to be. Not only does this make a mockery of their job titles and bring further shame and mistrust to the police in general which you can see for example in the comments and votes in articles like this, it is in itself a serious matter of misconduct, corruption and cover up, not to mention breach of statutory duty of care and general professional standards."

The fact that the PCC and IPCC were misled indicates how serious it is that Colin Smith produced a corrupted report. **Is it or is it not a matter of corruption and serious misconduct for a "Head of Professional Standards" to believe one thing, but to write in a report to a PCC of another force, something completely different, or to completely omit those beliefs that were crucial to the case, totally irrespective of any other organisations involved or their consequential decisions?**

In fact, as the case includes a serious allegation of fraud, is it even a matter of perverting the course of justice?

If I was asked as a witness to report what I have seen, and I misrepresented what I knew to be the truth, and that misrepresentation influenced the outcome, and my misrepresentation was discovered, I would expect to be in very serious trouble. But not, it seems, if you are a policeman, and perhaps, perversely, even less so if you are responsible for "professional standards".

The truth will eventually be fully exposed on this but for the moment I am becoming fascinated by how far and wide the cover-up and protection will go and at least in that respect you have not disappointed at all. But one day someone is going to pull their heads out of the sand and see the facts, and I think there are going to be lots of nasty surprises for many.

For now at least I am completely confident that I can add Hampshire Police to the long and growing list of those covering up a multitude of failures including a £1 million speed camera fraud.

I will of course raise this as a fresh complaint to the IPCC, I hardly expect that they will deal with it properly but it will be interesting to see how much deeper they will dig the hole that they and many others are in.

Ian Belchamber