

[applicant's address]

PCCS/00468/10

18 October 2011

Dear [applicant]

I refer to your application to this office and write to inform you of my decision in respect of your complaints about Strathclyde Police.

You have, on several occasions, alleged to Strathclyde Police that you are the victim of a stalking campaign being conducted by "literally hundreds of people". You have alleged that this mainly takes the form of cars being driven in an aggressive manner near you or people following you and deliberately staring at you. You claim that this occurs on a near daily basis. You have also alleged that the same people were responsible for offensive graffiti outside your home and that you believe these acts to be motivated by religious prejudice.

Strathclyde Police has advised you that it has conducted substantial enquiries into your allegations and that no evidence has been found to support them. It is clear that you do not accept this finding and you have accused Strathclyde Police of not taking your allegations seriously. My office has been supplied with details of the enquiries carried out by Strathclyde Police into your allegations and I am satisfied that, despite going to great lengths to investigate your claims, no evidence whatsoever has been found to support them. Consequently, I am satisfied that your allegations have been dealt with reasonably and I do not believe that there anything else I can add to what you have already been told by Strathclyde Police in this connection.

You have also complained that, on 9 November 2010, a Sergeant you spoke with at London Road Police Office was uncivil to you. You were advised by Chief Inspector A that three Sergeants were on duty in the station at the time of the alleged incident, and that investigation into your complaint has not been able to identify which of these officers spoke with you that day. You were informed that no evidence could be found to support this complaint and therefore that it could not be substantiated. I am satisfied that this complaint was handled in a reasonable manner and again I have nothing further to add to what you have been told in this connection.

You also complained to Strathclyde Police that while within your home on 25 November 2010 Inspector B asked you a number of irrelevant questions and that his attitude was "poor". Inspector B has refuted this allegation. Chief Inspector A has advised you that the investigation into this complaint uncovered no evidence to support your complaint and that several witnesses who were present at that time have offered statements in support of Inspector B's version of events. Having considered the evidence, I am satisfied that this complaint was dealt with in a reasonable manner.

You have also complained that Inspector B was involved in the investigation of your complaints despite the fact that you had complained about him. I note, however, that your complaints about

Inspector B were investigated by Chief Inspector A. Consequently, I am satisfied that no conflict of interest arose in this instance. As you have complained about several senior officers from your local area and from the Professional Standards Department, I do not believe that Strathclyde Police can be expected to ensure that none of these officers has any future contact with you, given that you continue to contact Strathclyde Police on a very frequent basis.

I also note your suspicion that Strathclyde Police is involved in the alleged harassment campaign against you and that you have accused them of “criminal negligence” and “police corruption”. You have made this allegation against several specific officers including Constable C, Inspector B, Chief Inspector A, Chief Inspector D, Chief Inspector E and two unidentified officers from London Road Police Office. It is important to make clear to you that I do not have the power to deal with allegations of criminal behaviour on the part of police officers. If you wish to pursue these complaints you should contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, 25 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LA, tel 0131 226 2626.

You have also complained that Strathclyde Police unlawfully shared your personal information with a number of third parties. In my view, this complaint amounts to an allegation that Strathclyde Police has breached the Data Protection Act 1998. Such complaints do not fall within my statutory remit, and should be referred to the Information Commissioner’s Office, 45 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HL, tel 0131 244 9001.

You have also asked that my office carry out its own investigation into your claims that you are being harassed. I must advise, however, that my remit is to examine the manner in which policing bodies deal with non-criminal complaints. My office performs a *review* function rather than an investigatory one. Accordingly, I do not have the power to carry out an investigation into your allegations.

I understand that you do not believe that Strathclyde Police has followed the correct procedures in dealing with your complaints. Having considered all the circumstances I am satisfied that, based on the information provided to them, Strathclyde Police dealt with your complaints in a reasonable manner.

My involvement in your case is now at an end.

In accordance with my office’s procedures, a copy of this letter will be published, in fully anonymised form, on my office’s website. This will occur on 20 October 2011.

Yours sincerely

**John McNeill**  
**Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland**