

Age Group	Should Take Action (%)	Should Not Take Action (%)
18-29	83	17
30-49	83	17
50-69	83	17
70+	83	17
Total	83	17

Dear Members,

We write in respect of our criminal complaint submitted on 12 December 2023, and your role as the Appropriate Authority ('AA').

In 2023, Rauri Hardy devolved his lawful responsibility as the AA (relating to complaints against junior officers) to an off-island police officer, [REDACTED] from the Isle of Man Constabulary.

_____ subsequently served as the AA for at least three police complaints during the year.

In considering Home Affairs' sentiment and public comments towards police officers, particularly Mr Hardy, we hold concerns over Home's ability to remain impartial when acting as the AA. This has not gone unnoticed: Home admitted that its role as AA was not ideal. Therefore, we respectfully request you bestow the responsibly of the AA onto another Committee of our choosing.

This will conclusively assuage fears of partisan conduct, and will help "*promote confidence in the complaints process*" and "*make sure the public receives reassurance that concerns are listened to and acted upon appropriately*".¹

Hopefully by now you will have been informed of the error in the 'Terms of Reference' ('ToR') provided to West Midlands police, who serve in this instance as the 'Investigating Officer'. To be very clear, our complaint is not focussed on Mr Hardy's affidavit dated 22 June 2022; rather his sworn statement of truth dated 9 August 2023 and his conduct during Royal Court proceedings 2427 & 2428, which concluded in February of this year, instead.

1 Bailiwick Express, Wednesday 13 March 2024: “*Work is being done to review the law, which Home Affairs believes will ‘promote confidence in the complaints process’. It wants to make sure the public receives reassurance that concerns are listened to and acted upon appropriately.*”

Finally, please could you explain why we, the Complainants, are not entitled to a full and unredacted copy of the ToR? It has been said that Home is claiming legal professional privilege. However, the concept of LLP protects the confidentiality of communications between a lawyer and client – which is not the case here.

We look forward to hearing from you by 22 November 2024.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

