

**Reference: 2026-029**

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

**Does the Serious Fraud Office have any legal or statutory obligation (including under the Police Reform Act 2002, associated regulations, or statutory guidance) to refer or otherwise present credible evidence of police corruption to any appropriate authority for investigation?**

**Please answer “Yes” or “No”.**

**If the answer is Yes, please specify the relevant legal or statutory basis.**

**If the answer is No, please confirm that no such obligation exists.**

**Response**

The SFO does not have a legal or statutory obligation to refer evidence of police corruption to any appropriate authority for investigation.

Whilst we may not have a statutory or legal obligation to refer evidence of suspected criminality to other authorities for investigation, where the allegations do not fit within our remit and we believe another agency would be better placed to investigate a report, we often share details of the referral with partner agencies or advise the referrer to contact the other agencies directly.

We understand from your FOI request that you have previously referred allegations about Police / Solicitor corruption to us via our reporting channel. For an update on a previous referral, you can email [makeareport@sfo.gov.uk](mailto:makeareport@sfo.gov.uk), using the same email address you used to submit the original referral to request an update.

While the SFO receives reports of potential misconduct through its reporting portal, it is not a body with oversight or investigatory responsibility for police conduct. If you wish to raise concerns about police corruption, the following organisations may be able to assist:

- Independent Office of Police Conduct (IOPC) — the independent body responsible for oversight of the police complaints system in England and Wales: [www.policeconduct.gov.uk](http://www.policeconduct.gov.uk)
- Police Super-Complaints Team — for systemic issues affecting the public raised by designated bodies: Police super-complaints – GOV.UK
- Report Fraud — for reporting fraud offences: [www.reportfraud.police.uk](http://www.reportfraud.police.uk)
- Solicitors Regulation Authority — for concerns relating to solicitors' conduct: [www.sra.org.uk](http://www.sra.org.uk)