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Dear Lindsey,

Case Reference Number INV/0283/2020

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 January 2022 in relation to the ICO's investigation into the MPS [REDACTED]; I must apologise for the delay in my response, which is due to work pressures and leave. Thank you also for meeting with me on 31 January 2022 to give more context to this letter.

Firstly, I would like to assure you that the ICO is mindful of the gravity of the use case in this investigation. We recognise [REDACTED] as well as the legal duty of the Met to mitigate the risk of harm.

I welcome your positive commitment to implementing the changes set out in our Reprimand. I encourage you to continue to satisfy yourselves that your mitigation plans are sound, and I welcome the investment and commitment of board oversight of [REDACTED]

We have been and will continue to work with the Met and the wider sector to provide clarity on how to comply and ensure the use of public confidence in [REDACTED]

To this end, I have approached the NPCC data protection lead for a meeting to explore in more detail the 'balancing act' and how we can jointly provide guidance for decision makers when taking assessments about how they should reconcile positive duties (to save life) against collateral intrusion.

I believe it would be beneficial to discuss these issues further in a meeting, and for me to understand what assistance and support would be helpful to help you comply with the [REDACTED]

It is of course important that we are able to continue to engage in an open and transparent way on such matters; and, indeed, we would be very keen to schedule another meeting of ICO and MPS senior leadership to discuss how we might jointly approach these issues going forward.

If you would like to suggest some suitable dates, we would be happy to set this meeting up via my Private Secretary [REDACTED] [@ico.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

James Dipple -Johnstone Deputy Commissioner
Information Commissioner's Office

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