

What to do if the media contact you

Following the acceptance of your request for an investigation the Commission will now begin working on your case.

This stage brings with it the possibility for increased media interest in the incident being investigated. We are also aware that during this investigation stage you may require additional emotional support. In all cases the Commission is here to help, through your Case Support Worker.

There are situations in which the media can provide a powerful support in raising the profile of cases and sometimes in gathering new information. However we recognise that the media can also pose an unwanted pressure for individuals involved in cases. Please be aware of the following:

- The Commission will never reveal the name of a Requesting Individual or ask you to take part in media that you are not comfortable with.
- It will always be your decision whether to engage with the media, give interviews or make comments.

- The Commission advises you not to provide comments about ongoing investigation work as this may harm potential lines of inquiry.

Should media intrusion become an issue for you we encourage you to contact your Case Support Worker to discuss emotional support and potential next steps to report unwanted attention to the police.

In the event that you are taking part in media activity alongside the Commission, for example during the publication of a Report, the Commission will fully support you with advice and support from trained specialists – should you require that.

The Commission has and will continue to work with media outlets, asking them to respect your privacy, engage with the Commission for updates and to help us in achieving the truth and answers that you have requested.