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*Dear Catherine,*

Thank you for your email of 9 June to the Home Secretary on behalf of your constituents regarding the sad and appalling death of Shukri Abdi. I am replying as the Minister of State for Crime and Policing.

The loss of Shukri's promising young life was an unspeakable tragedy, and my thoughts remain with her family and friends at this difficult time. I fully understand the deep concerns of your constituents over her senseless death and the desire to understand the circumstances so that a tragedy of this kind can never happen again.

As you may be aware, the inquest into Shukri's death was adjourned in March until further notice due to COVID-19, and it is a matter for the Coroner when it resumes. The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) has concluded its investigation into Greater Manchester Police's (GMP) investigation of the circumstances of Shukri's death and will publish the report after the inquest has concluded.

The IOPC's investigation has considered whether GMP conducted an effective investigation, including whether it prematurely concluded that Shukri's death was not suspicious and whether Shukri's family were treated less favourably because of their ethnic background. The IOPC published a statement on its website earlier this month – provided in the annex – which I hope will be of interest to your constituents.

While we await the findings of the IOPC, I am sure you will understand that it would be inappropriate for me to comment further on the police investigation at this time.

Kit Malthouse MP

## **ANNEX**

### **Statement from Independent Office for Police Conduct**

<https://policeconduct.gov.uk/news/investigation-following-death-shukri-abdi-greater-manchester>.

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#### Investigation following the death of Shukri Abdi in Greater Manchester

Update June 2020:

IOPC Regional Director Amanda Rowe:

“The complaints we received following the death of Shukri Abdi were treated with the upmost seriousness and very carefully assessed.

“Our investigation, into the actions of Greater Manchester Police (GMP), was completed in January this year.

“Our final report has been shared with the force, and with Shukri’s family. It has also been provided to the Coroner to help support the inquest process. We plan to publish our report following Shukri’s inquest, a date for which has not been set at this time. Our thoughts remain with all those affected by her tragic death.”

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