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Dear Mr Grace

Thank you for your email to the Chief Constable. I am his staff officer and I deal with all such queries on his behalf as he cannot get directly involved in individual complaints as this may lead to a conflict of interest should he later have to make a disciplinary ruling on the matter.

The Department for Work and Pensions are a separate statutory body with their own professional governance and complaints framework that deals with the conduct of its investigatory staff whilst they are on duty. As such Merseyside Police will not become involved in such disputes. Aside from their own complaints procedures you can also seek redress through the Civil courts and I suggest you seek independent legal advice from a specialist solicitor should you wish to pursue this course of action.

Yours sincerely

Chief Inspector Nicholas Gunatilleke
Staff Officer to the Chief Constable