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**Request to Durham Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act  
Received on 09/05/2022 Our Ref: FOI/452/22**

**Date: 08/06/2022**

Your request:

I understand that the far-right news media has claimed that Durham Police have launched an investigation into Keir Starmer's team during their campaign in/around Hartlepool.. However, I understand that it is no more than an FOI request that the Durham police are simply retrieving and that it's not actually an investigation .. unlike the MET Police investigation which is still ongoing.  
Would it be possible to have a reply to clarify your position, please?

**Response:**

Please see attached press release by Durham Constabulary (6<sup>th</sup> May 2022) which answer your query as per Section 21 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (Information reasonably accessible by other means).

<https://www.durham.police.uk/News/News-Articles/2022/May/Durham-Constabulary-Press-Statement.aspx#:~:text=Durham%20Constabulary%20Press%20Statement%20Posted%20on%20Friday%206.gathering%20in%20Durham%20City%20on%20April%2030%202021.>

Please note that Durham Constabulary's response to your request is unique and should not be used as a comparison with any other Force response you receive.

**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Your attention is drawn to the below link to our website, which details your right to complain:

[Freedom of Information Requests \(contensis.com\)](https://www.durham.police.uk/News/News-Articles/2022/May/Durham-Constabulary-Press-Statement.aspx#:~:text=Durham%20Constabulary%20Press%20Statement%20Posted%20on%20Friday%206.gathering%20in%20Durham%20City%20on%20April%2030%202021.)

If you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on the above telephone number.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely  
Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
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