

Commenting on the stop of David Miranda at Heathrow [in his column today \(21.8.13\)](#), [Matthew Norman states](#) “The feckless waste of space, the Independent Police Complaints Commission will now waste a deal of time and effort on examining the matter, before confirming the Met’s own finding, after a long and searching internal enquiry, that the ‘use of power in the case was legally and procedurally sound’.”

The IPCC are not at this stage investigating any complaint about the stop at Heathrow of David Miranda. No such complaint has been received. Your readers would, no doubt, not wish us to pre-judge any investigation and it cannot be right for your columnist to pre-judge any outcome.

In fact the IPCC is on record as having concerns about the use of Schedule 7 powers and since 1 July 2011 we have been supervising ALL complaints relating to Schedule 7. This was in direct response to public concern on misuse of these powers. We are currently supervising 45 Schedule 7 complaints from across England and Wales.

The IPCC is committed to playing a significant role in making sure police use the powers properly and proportionately. By way of example the IPCC recently threatened the Metropolitan Police with legal action when they refused to provide details of why individuals were stopped under this power. We will continue to pursue legal action if we are not provided with the information that we need to do our job properly.

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