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BREAKING: Met refers Damian Green leak to Information Commissioner

- Met Commissioner Cressida Dick confirms referral to Gareth Bacon AM
- Says force has been seeking legal advice on the matter

Senior Met Officers investigating a leak of information about pornographic material on Damian Green's computer have referred the case to the Information Commissioner (IC).

Met Police Commissioner Cressida Dick confirmed the move when asked by London Assembly member Gareth Bacon during a public meeting at City Hall this morning.

London Assembly member Gareth Bacon said: "I am pleased to see the Met is taking seriously what appears to have been a gross abuse of trust from former police officers.

"If the general public is to have future confidence in the force's ability to protect sensitive information, this case must be dealt with robustly.

"I welcome the Commissioner's strong words this morning and the referral to the IC."

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Notes

- Gareth Bacon is the GLA Conservative group leader

Transcript of Met Commissioner Cressida Dick addressing Gareth Bacon AM on the matter: "We are disappointed to see it appears that former colleague have put into the public domain via the media, and I double underline 'appears', material that they appear to have had access to as part of a confidential investigation. And you will be aware we have been reviewing that in the Met in the past couple of weeks, maybe three weeks, and we have had a QC helping us with that, and I can say today that in relation to that matter, having received our advice, we have made a referral to the Information Commissioner's office, as we believe they are the appropriate people to carry on that investigation into essentially data protection matters, so I'm not going to comment further on it, they have taken the referral and will continue an investigation."

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