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NBPA Position Statement on Police Federation pledge on its commitment to work closely with police associations.

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In response to the Police Federation pledge on its commitment to work closely with police associations for the benefit of members, the National Black Police Association would like to clarify that our Cabinet has not signed up to the Memorandum of Understanding as yet.

The NBPA appreciates the commitment made by the Federation to work more closely with police support associations for the benefit of all their members in line with the recommendations of the PFEW Normington review. The NBPA have also been active participants in the National Police Association of Strategic Leaders (PASL) since its inception three years ago, to bring together the full spectrum of police faith, race, disability, sexuality and gender groups.

However the Memorandum of Understanding fails to address deep issues with local Police Federations where our members have previously had their claims of race discrimination dismissed without proper funding, or are further discriminated against by the very people who are meant to be representing them. The PFEW need to acknowledge that some of our BAME federation members are failing to get the support as they should be and it falls down to the local Black Police Associations and NBPA to fulfil this role that members have paid the Federation for initially.

Whilst we agree wholeheartedly that this Memorandum of Understanding is progress, it should explicitly address the issues and concerns raised by NBPA members nationally. Until this is resolved, the NBPA will not be in a position to sign the Memorandum of Understanding drafted by PFEW.

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