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[by email]

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Dear Mark,

Last month, The Yorkshire County Cricket Club (YCCC) released a statement regarding the investigation into allegations of racism made by former player, Azeem Rafiq.

In this statement, YCCC announced that the Panel conducting the investigation had presented its report and recommendations to the YCCC Board, almost three years after the issues were first raised by Mr Rafiq. YCCC also stated that several of the allegations made against the Club had been upheld and that Mr Rafiq “was the victim of inappropriate behaviour”.

Given the severity of the allegations which span more than a decade, the work being undertaken across the sector to tackle racism and racial inequality in sport, and the fact that the scope of the investigation considered whether YCCC was institutionally racist, I am sure you will agree that the findings of the investigation are firmly within the public interest.

Therefore, the Committee calls on you to publish the full report, including all of the recommendations, immediately.

Yours sincerely,

**JULIAN KNIGHT MP,
CHAIR, DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA AND SPORT COMMITTEE**