

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

21 June 2016

PRESS NOTICE

BACKGROUND - 22 JUNE PRELIMINARY HEARING

On Wednesday, 22 June the Inquiry Chairman, Sir Christopher Pitchford, will hold a hearing to consider whether the state has a duty to disclose to the parents of a deceased child that the child's identity was used for police purposes.

This hearing will be to decide the principles on how decisions are made; it will not reach individual conclusions. The Chairman will issue a ruling after the hearing and the Inquiry will give an indication of when this might be in the days following the hearing.

It is easy for anyone with an interest to engage with the Inquiry: a transcript of the hearing will be posted on the Inquiry's website as soon as possible after a hearing, and there is also space in the hearing room for those who may want to listen in person.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The hearing on 22 June 2016 is part of a series of preliminary hearings in the Inquiry into Undercover Policing.

2. Full reasons for the forthcoming hearing are available at <https://www.ucpi.org.uk/preliminary-issues/deceased-childrens-identities/>

3. The hearing will commence at 10.30 am at Court 73, in the East Block at the Royal Courts of Justice and is a Public Inquiry hearing; it is not a court case.

4. Counsel to the Inquiry's note on the law in respect of the matter can be found <https://www.ucpi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/160517-counsels-note-deceased-childrens-identities.pdf>.

5. Details of any written submissions received by the Inquiry are to be found at <https://www.ucpi.org.uk/preliminaryissues/deceased-childrens-identities/>

6. Further information about the Inquiry, its terms of reference and practical information about hearings are to be found at <https://www.ucpi.org.uk/about-the-inquiry/>

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