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Sent: 14 August 2015 12:06
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Subject: Pitchford Enquiry - message to ACPO

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Subject: Pitchford Enquiry - message to ACPO

Sent on behalf of Assistant Commissioner Martin Hewitt, AC Professionalism

Dear Colleague,

For Action - Pitchford Enquiry

This email contains important information regarding the Undercover Policing Public Inquiry chaired by Lord Justice Pitchford (<https://www.ucpi.org.uk/>).
It is anticipated that the inquiry will begin to submit written requests for provision of relevant material from September.

The terms of reference for the Pitchford Inquiry are extremely broad. Potentially any information relevant to undercover policing operations conducted by the MPS and other English and Welsh police forces could be required.

The MPS is obliged to retain any documentary or otherwise stored material (e.g. computer records) which contain or may contain content pertaining directly or indirectly to undercover policing operations since 1968. This includes Advanced and Foundation level such as test purchase, controlled delivery and covert internet investigators.

The MPS may receive further direction on this matter from LJ Pitchford in due course however it is anticipated that the Inquiry will require disclosure of intelligence linked to operations, applications, authorisations, crime records, Holmes accounts and case files where the undercover tactic was deployed. The Inquiry may also call for reports, reviews, briefing and policy documents, training material, personnel files, correspondence and meeting minutes.

The Inquiry can and will require access to highly sensitive material. Inquiry personnel are DV vetted and they are currently putting in place appropriate physical security measures.

Given the range of potentially relevant material it is clearly not possible for my Public Inquiry team to pre-emptively gather everything that is potentially relevant to the Pitchford Inquiry. Rather they will be required to make direct contact with MPS units who hold potentially relevant material in order to respond to individual disclosure requests.

The MPS will have 14 days to respond to each request from the Pitchford Inquiry. It is therefore vital that when the Public Inquiry team make contact with a unit and ask for searches to be conducted that the unit respond promptly and effectively and provide full and complete disclosure of all material relevant to the search parameters set by the Public Inquiry team. I ask for your full support for the Public Inquiry team and for requests from them to be treated as a priority as they will need to review the material and may need to task follow up searches within the 14 days allocated to respond.

It is vital that the MPS maintain the confidence of the Inquiry and comply with the Inquiries Act in providing full, timely and effective disclosure. It should be noted that preventing any evidence or document being provided to a Public Inquiry, suppressing or concealing a document known to be relevant or altering or destroying any such document are criminal offences.

I am sure this will raise concerns as to the provision of highly sensitive material outside the MPS. The Inquiries Act and protocols that will be issued by LJ Pitchford allow for the MPS to apply for restriction orders on material or to redact material submitted to the Inquiry. However, it will be for legal counsel to the MPS and my Public Inquiry Team to make such considerations, applications and redactions. The only appropriate response from any individual or unit asked to conduct a search of their systems and archives is to complete the search under the parameters given and provide all the material that it generates without any prior restriction or redaction. Material will be physically transferred and retained under appropriate GPMS standards.

The Public Inquiry Team, working on my behalf and under the instruction of the Directorate of Legal Services, have started to scope the extent of relevant material. Please ensure that your staff provide complete access and fully inform them regarding what relevant material is held, how it is stored and how accessible and searchable it is.

You are requested to disseminate this message to your staff and to take steps to ensure that:

- **Any and all material relating to Undercover Policing is retained and preserved for potential disclosure for the duration of the Pitchford Inquiry**
- **Your units facilitate the search and retrieval work of the Public Inquiry Team for relevant material**

The ongoing safety and security of undercover officers and other sensitive intelligence sources is of critical importance and is central to the terms of reference of the Public Inquiry Team. I have attached the Terms of Reference for the Pitchford Inquiry for your consideration.



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Kind regards

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