

## Pyemont Ellie - Public Inquiry Team

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**From:** [REDACTED] NCTPHQ BAND A1  
**Sent:** 19 January 2016 14:54  
**To:** Coombe Penny - Public Inquiry Team  
**Subject:** File safe destruction policy

**Importance:** High

Penny

If you see my e mail to Jeremy Burton below - I ask the enquiry team for a policy / steer.

This has not been forthcoming.

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**From:** Coombe Penny - Public Inquiry Team **On Behalf Of** DI Mailbox - DPS Public Inquiry Team  
**Sent:** 18 January 2016 18:41  
**To:** [REDACTED] NCTPHQ BAND A1  
**Subject:** FW: File safe destruction policy  
**Importance:** High

Dear [REDACTED]

We have recently received a Rule 9 request from the Inquiry requesting that we provide reassurance around the preservation of material likely to be of relevance to the UPPI. With reference to the email chain below from 2014, are you able to provide the policy drafted in relation to SO15's destruction of material? Any communications sent within the Command (SLT or more broadly) in relation to this matter would also be of relevance and I would be grateful for sight of them. Please let me know if you have any queries and I can provide a fuller brief. I also attach a copy of the Rule 9 request for your information.



160115 letter to  
MPS rule 9(8)...

Kind regards  
Penny & Ellie

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**From:** Hutchison Neil - Public Inquiry Team  
**Sent:** 18 January 2016 18:10  
**To:** DI Mailbox - DPS Public Inquiry Team  
**Subject:** File safe destruction policy  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Burton Jeremy - HQ Directorate of Professional Standards  
**Sent:** 27 October 2014 13:50  
**To:** Hutchison Neil - HQ Directorate of Professional Standards [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: File safe destruction policy  
**Importance:** High

Neil [REDACTED] BAND A1

I have spoken with [REDACTED] and he will draft a policy for SO15 that pays cognicance to the forthcoming Inquiry - as best we understand it at the moment

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**Jeremy Burton | Detective Chief Superintendent**

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**From:** [redacted] SO15 BAND A1  
**Sent:** 24 October 2014 11:03  
**To:** Burton Jeremy - HQ Directorate of Professional Standards  
**Cc:** [redacted] - SO15; [redacted] - HQ Directorate of Professional Standards; Hutchison Neil - HQ Directorate of Professional Standards; Ball Duncan - SO15; Nicholson Terri J - SO15; [redacted] SO15; [redacted] - SO15; Masters Kirstie E - HQ Directorate of Professional Standards  
**Subject:** File safe destruction policy DSU 1 DSU 3 OTH 1  
**Importance:** High

Jeremy

As a "dip sample", we have started some of the sensible house keeping in relation to our precursor work for Operation Filesafe.

It is decision time. We need to know what Policy Operation Beacon / Herne/ Public Enquiry Team wants SO15 to adopt in relation to destruction of material - not just unregistered or copy material sitting in safes (a la Filesafe) but across our databases and archives. We could simply apply the MPS RRD / MOPI policy but in terms of public accountability you might decide that Operation Beacon requires oversight of what material SO15 is disposing of.

For example, in relation to one of the safes we have just audited ( ? ) it contains a large of a number of documents which have been assessed in terms of " Does the MPS need to retain them" and in the main the contents of that safe can in my view be safely destroyed. It is my assessment than none of the paper therein currently impact on Beacon / Herne/ Public Enquiry. Additionally it is my assessment that none of them are even likely to become relevant in the future.

The validity of this assessment though relies on my integrity, my judgement and my personal knowledge of Operation Herne / Ellison/ Public Enquiry etc.

It would be very useful in terms of ensuring that SO15 comply with the requirements of Operation Beacon rather than Filesafe that some central guidance is given. Can we please discuss.

Regards

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SO15