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PRESS NOTICE

‘Minded to’ note on applications for restriction orders by non-police, non-state core participants

Sir Christopher Pitchford, the Chairman of the Undercover Policing Inquiry, has today published a [‘Minded to’ note](#) explaining how he intends to proceed with anonymity applications made by 24 non-police, non-state core participants. The Chairman’s approach to determining the applications is set out in his Ruling dated 3 May 2016 ([Restriction Orders: Legal Principles and Approach](#)).

‘Minded to’

The ‘Minded to’ note allows the Chairman to let the non-police, non-state core participants know what his thinking is in respect of their anonymity applications. The note explains that the Chairman is minded to grant all but one of the applications. Individual applicants were given advanced sight of the parts of the Chairman’s draft Note relevant to them to ensure that the wording would not undermine any restriction order the Chairman was minded to make.

For the purposes of the note, the applicants have been categorised as follows:

- Families of police officers;
- Those who have had relationships with people who may have been undercover officers;
- Those concerned that their association with a protest would have a detrimental effect upon their private life;
- Those who think their involvement with justice campaigns would put them at risk of harm if their identities were disclosed; and
- Those who think their involvement with political, environmental and other activism would have a detrimental effect on their private life if their identities were disclosed.

The Chairman has given the Media an opportunity to respond to the ‘Minded to’ note before he makes final decisions on the applications, and has directed that the Media shall file any written submissions with the Inquiry by 24 August 2016.

Next Steps

In the absence of any representations from the Media on the ‘Minded to note’, the Inquiry team will prepare draft restriction orders, and in due course a final ruling and orders will be issued. In cases where the Chairman is not minded to grant a restriction order, on publication of the

final ruling (and subject to any legal challenge), any provisional order for anonymity will cease to have effect and the applicant will become a named core participant. No final decisions on anonymity will be made until at least 14 calendar days have elapsed from the publication Chairman's 'Minded to' note.

The Inquiry's '[Frequently Asked Questions](#)' have been updated to cover queries that might arise from the 'minded to' note.

Background

The purpose of the Undercover Policing Inquiry is investigate and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces in England and Wales since 1968. The Inquiry will examine the contribution undercover policing has made to tackling crime, how it was and is supervised and regulated, and its effect on individuals involved, both police officers and others who came into contact with them.

The work of the Inquiry ranges across the full scope of undercover policing work and will look at the work of the Special Demonstration Squad, the National Public Order Intelligence Unit and police forces in England and Wales. The Inquiry will also examine whether people may have been wrongly convicted in cases involving undercover police officers, and refer any such cases to a separate panel for consideration.

The work of the Inquiry will fall into three modules:

1. Module one will look at what happened in the deployment of undercover officers in the past, their conduct, and the impact of their activities on themselves and others.
2. Module two will look at the management and oversight of undercover officers, including their selection, training, supervision and care after the end of an undercover deployment. This section will also look at the law and other rules covering undercover policing.
3. Module three will make recommendations about how undercover policing should be conducted in future.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. This press notice does not form part of the 'Minded to' note in respect of the anonymity applications of non-state, non-police core participants. The [full note](#) is the only authoritative document.
2. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the Inquiries Act 2005.
3. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
4. Information by way of background to the 'Minded to' note can be found in the Ruling dated 3 May 2016 ([Restriction Orders: Legal Principles and Approach](#)).
5. The Inquiry's '[Frequently Asked Questions](#)' have been updated and provide more information on anonymity applications.
6. The Inquiry's website is www.ucpi.org.uk and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter @ucpinquiry

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