

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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PRESS NOTICE

The Chairman's 'Minded to' note on applications for restriction orders in respect of two former undercover police officers

Sir Christopher Pitchford, the Chairman of the Undercover Policing Inquiry, has today issued two notes explaining that he is minded to grant restriction orders relating to some personal information relating to two former undercover officers. The Chairman's views in the 'minded to' notes are based on the legal principles detailed in his [Ruling of 3 May 2016](#). Restriction orders only apply to information provided to and held by the Inquiry.

The applicants, [Bob Lambert](#) and [James Boyling](#) (formerly known as N10 and N14, respectively) are not seeking anonymity in respect of their own names, or their cover names. They are however asking that the Inquiry restricts information relating to their home and professional addresses, and their families' personal details. The Chairman is minded to grant these limited applications. This is on the basis that, in Mr Boyling's case, the information over which a restriction order is being sought is not relevant to an issue arising in the Inquiry. In Mr Lambert's case, the Chairman takes the same view on relevance in respect of personal addresses, and considers that only Mr Lambert's current professional address should be protected by a restriction order in circumstances where Mr Lambert's previous professional addresses are already in the public domain.

The Chairman has directed that any core participant who takes issue with the proposed orders should provide the Inquiry with a summary of their objections by 4pm on Thursday 3 November 2016.

Background

Copies of the restriction order applications by James Boyling and Bob Lambert can be found on the Inquiry website, [here](#) (listed as N10 and N14, respectively).

The purpose of the Undercover Policing Inquiry is to 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.

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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 two 'Minded to' notes in relation to [Bob Lambert](#) and [James Boyling](#) and does not form part of their reasoning. The full notes are the only authoritative documents.
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' notes can be found in the [Ruling](#) dated 3 May 2016 (Restriction Orders: Legal Principles and Approach)
5. The Inquiry's '[frequently asked questions](#)' provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do [two published update notes](#).
6. The Inquiry's website is www.ucpi.org.uk and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter @ucpinquiry

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