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PRESS NOTICE

‘Minded to’ note on applications for restriction orders for anonymity for ‘RXT’ medical expert for former Metropolitan police officers

Sir Christopher Pitchford, the Chairman of the Undercover Policing Inquiry, has today published a [‘minded to’](#) note stating how he intends to proceed with an application for anonymity made by a consultant psychiatrist engaged by Slater and Gordon Solicitors. The decision is made following the legal principles set out the Ruling of 3 May 2016,

‘Minded to’

RXT is the medical expert engaged to provide expert opinion in support applications for anonymity made on behalf former undercover officers represented by Slater and Gordon Solicitors. RXT has made an application for anonymity that would in effect prohibit the disclosure or publication evidence provided to the Inquiry that would identify the applicant. The Chairman has considered the points raised by RXT and has concluded that he is not minded to grant anonymity. In setting out his reasoning for his conclusion the Chairman has consulted General Media Council guidance. The Chairman is of the view that there is no significant risk that, RXT or family members or work colleagues would suffer significant interference in their professional, private or family lives as a result of RXT’s name becoming known.

RXT has since informed the inquiry that they wish to withdraw their services from the process and as such written submissions are not invited on this minded to note.

Next Steps

Slater and Gordon will now need to secure the services of an alternative medical expert.

Background

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 '[minded to](#)' note in respect of the anonymity application of RXT.
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' has been updated and provides 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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