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## PRESS NOTICE

### Core Participant Ruling number 12 – 2 new core participants designated

Sir Christopher Pitchford, the Chairman of the Inquiry into undercover policing, has today published his 12<sup>th</sup> [Ruling](#) on core participant applications. The applications were determined in accordance with the principles set out in the Chairman's [Ruling of 21 October 2015](#). Two of the nine applicants have been designated as core participants; the remaining seven will be kept under review.

The two new core participants bring the total number of core participants to the Inquiry to 203. The full [list of core participants](#) is on the Inquiry's website.

When considering further core participant applications, the Chairman will look for evidence that the applicant played a *significant* role in the subject matter of the Inquiry, and he will consider the *significance* of the applicant's interest in an *important* aspect of the subject matter of the Inquiry. Applications are also likely to be successful where they raise a new and important issue for consideration by the Inquiry, or expose a new and important insight into an existing issue. However, a person does not need to be a core participant to take part in the Inquiry; the Inquiry is willing to consider areas that individuals are concerned about (within its terms of reference) for investigations where they represent a proportionate use of its resources.

The Inquiry's terms of reference are to inquire into and report on undercover police operations conducted by English and Welsh police forces in England and Wales since 1968. It is not feasible to examine the detail of every undercover police operation against every campaigning or protest group that has existed since 1968 and expect the Inquiry to be able to report in any reasonable timeframe. For this reason the Chairman will not be able to designate core participant status to every person who has been affected by undercover policing in some way during the course of the past 48 years.

A short [overview note](#), along with a question and answer section, accompanies the Chairman's ruling.

### 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

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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.

**ENDS**

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. This press notice does not form part of the Chairman's 12<sup>th</sup> core participant ruling and does not form part of its reasoning. The full [Ruling](#) is the only authoritative document.
2. An [overview note](#), together with a question and answer section, has been produced to aid understanding.
3. The Chairman's [Ruling of 21 October 2015](#) sets out the approach the Chairman follows in making decisions on applications for core participant status
4. Full details of all matters relating to core participants are to be found Inquiry's website at <https://www.ucpi.org.uk/core-participants/>
5. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under [the Inquiries Act 2005](#).
6. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
7. The Inquiry's [frequently asked questions](#) provide further information on the Inquiry more generally.
8. The Inquiry's website is [www.ucpi.org.uk](http://www.ucpi.org.uk) and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter @ucpinquiry.

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