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Statement made on behalf of:                   The Commissioner of Police of the  
Metropolis

Witness:   KENNETH NEALE

Statement No:                                   1

Exhibits Referred to:                       N/A

Date Statement Made:                       23 December 2016

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**IN THE MATTER OF: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING**

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**Witness:**                                   KENNETH NEALE

**Occupation:**                           Data Protection Officer/NSBIS Administrator

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**I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true**

*Signed* .....

*Dated* .....

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**Introduction**

1. I am Data Protection Officer/NSBIS Administrator for the National Counter Terrorism Policing Operations Centre ('NCTPOC') based in London.
2. I make this statement to provide information requested of the Metropolitan Police Service ('MPS') in relation to access to an electronic database (explained below).

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3. I joined what was then named the National Domestic Extremism Unit ('NDEU') in December 2011 as Data Protection Officer. This role was to provide responses to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Data Protection Act 1998. Prior to this I worked in the Public Access Office at the Metropolitan Police Service ('MPS') in a similar role.
4. Approximately four months ago due to staff movements and as added responsibilities to my role, I took over the responsibility of NSBIS Administrator and supervising indexers at the NCTPOC. I also now have responsibility for implementing the retention, review and disposal ('RRD') policy after the person previously in charge of this aspect went on sick leave.
5. I am aware that a witness statement by Temporary Detective Superintendent Michael Killeen dated 20 September 2016 refers to individuals who have access to what is known as the Legacy database of NSBIS. I have been able to check NSBIS and I make this statement to confirm the individuals whose NSBIS accounts have access to the Legacy database.
6. The individuals with access to the Legacy database are: myself, [REDACTED] and Alison Thurrell. [REDACTED] is part of Operation Herne. Ms Thurrell is part of the Assistant Commissioner's Public Inquiry Team. The other two individuals, [REDACTED], previously performed the role of NSBIS administrators and are both based at NCTPOC.
7. In addition, there is an account for a commercial entity that provides contracted I.T. support that has access to the Legacy database. This account is not linked to a particular person and is for the use of this contractor.

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Sign



**Dated** 23/12/2016

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