

Applications for restriction orders in respect of the real and cover names of officers of the Special Operations Squad and the Special Demonstrations Squad

Directions

1. This is a further interim order to make provision for the supply by the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Legal Team and the Metropolitan Police Service Designated Lawyer Team of a number of applications for restriction orders in respect of the names of Special Demonstration Squad officers for consideration by the Chairman as soon as reasonably practicable. Consultation on changes to the process map is being undertaken. At present, applications should be provided to the Inquiry in closed and open versions. Any supporting evidence, for example risk assessments and impact statements, should be provided to the Inquiry in closed version. If the Inquiry Legal Team decides it is necessary to receive an open version of the supporting evidence then it will so request it from the applicant on a case by case basis.
2. In setting this direction, the Chairman expects that where an officer is represented by the Metropolitan Police Service Designated Lawyer Team, the officer and those representatives will work with the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Legal Team to ensure that they meet the specified date below.
3. It is so directed that:
 - a. As soon as reasonably practicable but by no later than 30 November 2017 for the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Legal Team and no later than 4 December 2017 for the Metropolitan Police Service Designated Lawyer Team are to provide to the Inquiry in respect of HN9, HN13, HN61, HN66, HN109, HN296, HN304, HN339, HN340, HN354, HN356, HN819:
 - (i) open and closed versions of the applications for restriction orders together with closed versions of the supporting evidence; or
 - (ii) written confirmation that no restrictions are sought;
 - (iii) where it is known that neither the Commissioner nor the officer's legal representative seeks to restrict publication of a cover name the written confirmation supplied by the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Legal Team should include the details which can safely be published at this stage about that officer's years of deployment and groups deployed into.

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- b. Further directions will be given in December affording the opportunity for the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Legal Team and the Metropolitan Police Service Designated Lawyer Team to make restriction order applications in respect of the identity of a further tranche of former Special Demonstration Squad personnel. The Inquiry intends to repeat this process on a monthly basis until such time as the Metropolitan Police Service Commissioner's Legal Team and former Special Demonstration Squad personnel have all been afforded the opportunity to make an application to restrict real or cover name.