

Gist of psychiatric report supplied in support of HN71's application for restriction order over real and cover name

Dated 17/5/17 written by Dr. Paul McLaren after having interviewed the officer within weeks of writing of the report.

Dr. McLaren's opinion:

HN71 held a genuine fear of the consequences of participation in the Inquiry resulting in cover or real name being disclosed.

HN71 suffered a depressive episode following withdrawal from undercover work. Though difficult to diagnose retrospectively, HN71's presentation was consistent with having developed an 'other specified trauma/stressor' related disorder which has features of a chronic adjustment disorder.

On the balance of probabilities, if the real name was disclosed then that will have a severe and detrimental impact on HN71's mental state, probably suffering a marked increase in anxiety and increased symptoms of adjustment-like disorder that are unlikely to be improved by medication or treatment if HN71 does not believe the family and HN71 are safe. This will make HN71 at high risk of suffering a further depressive episode which could be improved by taking medication.

The prognosis is the same if HN71's cover name is disclosed as HN71 cannot draw a distinction between the effects.

Any involvement in the Inquiry will lead to a significant deterioration in the Adjustment-like disorder and any such deterioration would put HN71 at high risk of developing a further depressive episode.