

Statement made on behalf of: The Metropolitan Police, Designated Lawyers
Witness: HN71
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IN THE MATTER OF: PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING

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

Unsigned but approved

1. I have been asked to make a statement about the impact on me if my real or cover name were released in connection with the UCPI. I have made this statement without having seen any documents recently, save for the medical report of Dr Paul McLaren, Consultant Psychiatrist, 17 May 2017. The dates set out below are from memory.
2. I understand that the Inquiry has invited applications based on impact, and without the benefit of a Risk Assessment in a number of cases. I had actually met a Risk Assessor. Whilst I had concerns beforehand, I found the meeting reassuring. I have been told, however, that the Risk Assessment was paused pending a deadline for my application being directed. I understand that making an application now, based on the evidence set out below and with cross reference to the Risk Assessments of others (which I have not seen but which have been seen by the Designated Lawyers) will not preclude me from making a fuller application with the benefit of my own Risk Assessment if the Inquiry is not minded to restrict my real and cover names based on the current evidence.

Expectation of confidentiality

3. I was given express promise of confidentiality at home by [REDACTED] I am tremendously proud of my deployment, but I don't want any of it known. If I knew I had to give

evidence I wouldn't have done it. [REDACTED]

4. I didn't apply for certain jobs because of SDS past. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Friends say I should have been promoted. I sacrificed a great deal for the SDS and now I fear for the safety of me and my family if named in real or cover name.

Medical report

5. I rely on the Medical report of Dr Paul McLaren, Consultant Psychiatrist, dated 17 May 2017. He confirms that I suffered a depressive episode after finishing my deployment due to the lack of support from the MPS and that I had features of a chronic Adjustment disorder.
6. Dr McLaren accepts that my fears about disclosure are genuine. He confirms that disclosure of my real or cover name will have a severe and detrimental impact on my mental state. For my Adjustment-like disorder to be treated effectively, he says that I will need to feel safe and believe that my family are safe. If I suffer a deterioration, then I am at high risk of suffering a further Depressive episode. Further, he says that any involvement in the UCPI will lead to significant deterioration in the Adjustment-like disorder, putting me at high risk of developing a further Depressive episode.

7. [REDACTED]

My legend

8. My cover name was *sets out details of cover identity and deployment* [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

Groups

11. I infiltrated Sets out group(s) infiltrated and provides details and specific risks. [Redacted]

12. [Redacted]

13. [Redacted]

14. [Redacted]

15. [Redacted]

Actual or threatend violence against me

16. Sets out detail of violence by group(s) and / or associates during deployment [Redacted]

17. [Redacted]

18. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

19. [Redacted]

Risks to me

20. *Sets out officer's view of current risks including of violence and supporting details.* [Redacted]

21. [Redacted]

22. [Redacted]

23. [Redacted]

24. [Redacted]

25. [Redacted]

26. [REDACTED]

27. [REDACTED]

28. ***Sets out current employment and risk of loss of employment if real name is confirmed*** [REDACTED]

29. I am told that there are risk assessments and documents that are relevant to risk to me, but I have not seen these.

Effect of deployment/potential exposure on me and my family

30. ***Sets out impact of deployment on HN71 and family including having to move home, impact on private life*** [REDACTED]

31. [REDACTED]

32. [REDACTED]

33. [REDACTED]

Post-SDS

34. ***Sets out concerns about a lack of care by MPS post-deployment.*** [REDACTED]

35. [REDACTED]

36. [REDACTED]

37. [REDACTED]

Relationships

38. I had no sexual relationships arising from my deployment. I didn't have any particularly intimate relationships, but there will be people who would have counted me as a good friend, and who will feel betrayed. They are the ones who would concern me most due to a loss of face. *Sets out specific individual who raises issue of concern* [REDACTED]