

# UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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## PRESS NOTICE

### Publication of documents relating to Special Demonstration Squad anonymity applications

For hearing on 21 March 2018

The Inquiry is today publishing 29 documents comprising [applications](#), [risk assessments](#), [impact statements](#) and [gisted medical reports](#) in respect of 12 former Special Demonstration Squad officers.

In his statement on [22 January 2018](#) the Chairman confirmed that the Inquiry will continue to publish open documentation in relation to restriction orders he is minded to grant. The statement explained that what will be published is dependent on what order the Chairman is minded to make. The documents published today are for the anonymity applications to be heard on 21 March 2018.

Nominal	Restriction sought	Chairman's provisional decision	'Minded to' note
HN17	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>
HN41	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">25 Jan 2018</a>
HN64	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>
HN71	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">25 Jan 2018</a>
HN109	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">15 Jan 2018</a>
HN125	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">25 Jan 2018</a>
HN301	Real name (Cover name: 'Bob Stubbs')	To restrict the real name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>
HN336	Real name (Cover name: 'Dick Epps')	To restrict the real name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>
HN337	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>
HN341	Real and cover name	To restrict the real and cover name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>
HN343	Real name (Cover name: 'John Clinton')	To restrict the real name	<a href="#">3 Aug 2017</a>
HN347	Real name (Cover name: Alex Sloan)	To restrict the real name	<a href="#">14 Nov 2017</a>

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The Chairman has issued a [direction](#) alongside these documents. Written submissions on the decisions the Chairman is minded to make (as detailed above) are invited from core participants and the Media by 4pm on 15 March 2018.

## 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 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**

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. A list of the documents that will be considered at the hearing on 21 March 2018 can be found [here](#).
2. The Chairman's direction is [here](#).
3. Decisions on key anonymity applications are taken in line with the [3 May 2016 Legal Principles and Approach Ruling](#).
4. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the [Inquiries Act 2005](#).
5. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
6. The Inquiry's [frequently asked questions](#) document provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do [published update notes](#).
7. 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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