

# UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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## PRESS NOTICE

### Publication of documents relating to anonymity applications: Special Demonstration Squad – November 2017, January 2018, and March 2018 ‘Minded to’ notes

The Inquiry is today publishing 37 documents comprising [applications, risk assessments, impact statements and gisted information from supporting evidence](#), in respect of 18 former Special Demonstration Squad officers. In his statement on [22 February 2018](#) 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 to inform the [hearing on 9 May 2018](#) where these applications for anonymity will be heard.

Nominal	Restriction order sought	Chairman's provisional decision	Date of Minded to notes
HN35	Real name	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">7 March 2018</a>
HN45	Real and cover name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name, but not the cover name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>
HN56	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">22 March 2018</a>
HN77	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">22 March 2018</a>
HN79	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">22 March 2018</a>
HN118	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">22 March 2018</a>
HN298	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>
HN300	Real name	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">7 March 2018</a>
HN331	Real name	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>
HN332	Real name	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>

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HN334	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>
HN338	Real name	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>
HN339	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">15 January 2018</a>
HN345	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">14 November 2017</a>
HN356/124	Real name (cover name has been published)	To restrict publication of the real name	<a href="#">15 January 2018</a>
HN83	Real and cover name	To restrict publication of the real and cover name	<a href="#">7 March 2018</a>
HN302	Real and cover name	To restrict publication of the real and cover name	<a href="#">7 March 2018</a>
HN349	Real and cover name	To restrict publication of the real and cover name	<a href="#">22 March 2018</a>

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 4 May 2018**.

### Background

On 15 February Sir Christopher Pitchford, Chairman to the Undercover Policing Inquiry, announced a hearing on 5 April 2017 to consider applications from the Metropolitan Police Service arguing for an extension of time on anonymity applications and for the Inquiry to take a different approach in respect of former Special Demonstration Squad undercover police officers and responses to those applications from other core participants. The hearing heard evidence and views from a number of core participants and the Ruling summarises those views.

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.

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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 9 May 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 the [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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