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## **PRESS NOTICE**

**Undercover Policing Inquiry Strategic Review to be published Thursday 10 May 2018**

**A hearing on the proposed timetable to take place on Friday 18 May 2018**

The Undercover Policing Inquiry will publish its strategic review findings on Thursday 10 May, providing its proposed timetable and approach.

The strategic review commenced in 2017 after it became clear that the Inquiry would not be in a position to report to the Home Secretary within the three year period anticipated in the terms of reference when the Inquiry was opened in 2015.

The early stages of the review coincided with the Inquiry's hearing on 5 April 2017 that considered an application by the Metropolitan Police Service for an extension of time for anonymity applications and requested the Inquiry take a different approach in respect of former Special Demonstration Squad undercover police officers.

In conducting this review the Inquiry has given detailed consideration to the most effective way it can deliver its terms of reference. The strategic review will include an outline timetable of the Inquiry.

The Inquiry is announcing a hearing on Friday 18 May so that state core participants can provide their views on the actions required from them to meet the outline timetable, and on what they require from the Inquiry to be able to do so. The hearing will be public and will also enable non-state core participants or affected individuals to attend. Written submissions will not be required in advance of the hearing on Friday 18 May.

It is anticipated that following the hearing there will be an ongoing dialogue between the Inquiry and core participants about the way in which the Inquiry is delivered in accordance with the timeline expressed in the strategic review.

The hearing will take place in Court 76 at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

## **Background**

## UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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**

# UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the [Inquiries Act 2005](#).
2. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
3. The Inquiry's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do six [published update notes](#).
4. 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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