

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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PRESS NOTICE

Cover name released: “Mike Hartley”

Further to the Chairman’s [‘Minded to’ note](#) dated 25 January 2018, the Inquiry is today publishing the following information:

Cover name	Herne nominal	Groups/areas of deployment	Dates active
“Mike Hartley”	HN12	Revolutionary Communist Group; Socialist Workers Party	1982 - 1985

In addition, the Inquiry reports the following:

- HN12’s cover name, “Mike Hartley” was based on the identity of a deceased individual, who was called Michael Hartley. The Inquiry has been in contact with the family of the deceased individual who have asked the Inquiry to make public that this practice was used by HN12.
- HN12 himself died in 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

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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.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The legal approach that the Chairman will follow when determining applications for restriction orders is described in the [Ruling](#) dated 3 May 2016.
2. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the [Inquiries Act 2005](#).
3. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
4. The Inquiry's '[frequently asked questions](#)' provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do published [update notes](#).
5. The Inquiry's website is www.ucpi.org.uk and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter [@ucpinquiry](#)

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