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## PRESS NOTICE

### **'Minded to' decisions relating to anonymity applications: Special Demonstration Squad.**

#### **Ruling on HN78**

The Chairman, Sir John Mitting, Chairman of the Undercover Policing Inquiry is today issuing a ['minded to' note and a ruling](#).

The Chairman is minded to make a restriction order in respect of the real and cover name in respect of HN112.

The Chairman is making a final ruling refusing to make a restriction order in respect of the cover name of HN78; the cover name will be published once the Inquiry has completed its own pre-publication checks<sup>1</sup>. The Chairman is minded to make a restriction order in respect of HN78's real name.

#### **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 Inquiry's investigations are broken down into modules. The descriptions of modules two and three have been amended to spell out more clearly the Inquiry's investigative intentions.

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<sup>1</sup> The Inquiry routinely seeks to establish whether an officer used the identity of a deceased child as a cover name and, if so, to trace and contact the deceased child's surviving close relatives before making a cover name public. The Inquiry also seeks to trace and contact anyone alleged or admitted to have had an intimate or close personal relationship with the officer before making a cover name public.

# UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

## *One*

Examination of the deployment of undercover officers in the past, their conduct, and the impact of their activities on themselves and others.

## *Two*

Examination of the management and oversight of undercover officers, including their selection, training, supervision, care after the end of an undercover deployment and the legal and regulatory framework within which undercover policing is carried out. Module two (a) will involve managers and administrators from within undercover policing units. Module two (b) will involve senior managers higher in the chain of command as well as police personnel who handled intelligence provided by undercover police officers. Module two (c) will involve a number of other government bodies with a connection to undercover policing, including the Home Office.

## *Three*

Examination of current undercover policing practices and of how undercover policing should be conducted in future.

**ENDS**

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Decisions on anonymity applications are taken in line with the [3 May 2016 Legal Principles and Approach Ruling](#).
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](#) document provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do its [published update notes](#)
5. 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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