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PRESS NOTICE

Decisions relating to anonymity applications: Special Demonstration Squad –

The Chairman is today issuing a [‘minded to’ note](#) in respect of six former Demonstration Squad officers.

The Chairman is minded to grant anonymity in respect of the real names of HN12, HN19 and HN353. These three officers are not applying for restriction orders in respect of their cover names. The Inquiry will update its cover names table with details of these officers once the necessary pre-publication checks have been completed.

HN59, HN268 and HN3378 have not applied for a restriction order so their real names will be published when evidence relating to them is published before hearings. They were back office staff/managers who did not have cover names.

The Chairman is minded to grant a restriction order for the real and cover names of HN41, HN71 and HN125.

Five more officers, HN3, HN35, HN53, HN60 and HN155 have been allowed more time to provide the Chairman with information in order for him to make a decision.

Today’s ‘Minded to’ note is accompanied by [an explanatory note](#), updated by the Inquiry’s counsel, detailing the current status of all 99 applications for restriction orders received by the Inquiry by the end of December 2017.

The ‘Minded to’ note is not accompanied by the applications, the evidence or any directions setting next steps at this time. Decisions on the Inquiry’s approach to publishing supporting information will be made following consideration of responses to the 04 December 2017 consultation on publication of documents (which closed on 11 January 2018) and any oral submissions made on the separation process at the hearing on 05 February 2018. Directions will then follow.

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.

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. [The current process for determining anonymity applications](#)
2. [Further detail on applications made by the Special Demonstration Squad and the National Public Order Intelligence Unit](#)
3. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the [Inquiries Act 2005](#).
4. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
5. The Inquiry's [frequently asked questions](#) document provides more information on the Inquiry more generally, as do [published update notes](#).
6. The Inquiry's website is www.ucpi.org.uk and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter @ucpinquiry

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