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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 17 former Demonstration Squad officers, and a ruling](#) in respect of two of those officers.

The ruling follows a closed hearing and says that the cover name of two former officers, HN3 and HN60, will be published. The Inquiry will publish these cover names when it has completed its own pre-publication checks<sup>1</sup>. The Chairman is minded to restrict the real names of these two officers.

The ‘minded to’ note states that:

- there were no applications for restriction over the cover names of HN44, HN56, HN67, HN77, HN118 (‘Simon Wellings’), HN79, and HN200 and, where not yet done, their names will be published once the Inquiry has completed its own pre-publication checks. The Chairman is minded to grant their applications to restrict their real names.
- the Chairman is minded to refuse applications to restrict cover names for HN33, HN65, HN78, HN80, HN90 and HN112, but is minded to grant their application for restriction over their real names. These officers should notify the Inquiry by 10 April 2018 if they wish to pursue their applications to restrict their cover names.
- HN349 has applied for restriction of both cover and real name, which the Chairman is minded to grant
- no application was made in respect of HN22, HN306 and HN307 (who were back office staff/managers) who did not use a cover name and whose real name will be published when the evidence relating to them is published.
- the Chairman requires further information on HN 72 before he can make a decision.

Today’s ‘Minded to’ note is accompanied by [directions](#) and an [explanatory note](#), updated by the Inquiry’s counsel, detailing the current status of all 128 officers to have been included in the anonymity process as at the end of February 2018.

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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

The Inquiry will now begin the separation process to be able to publish the open applications and evidence, where applicable, in relation to this 'Minded to' note. The next open hearing on restriction orders for Special Demonstration Squad officers is on 9 May 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 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. [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 Chairman's 20 November 2017 statement](#)
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 [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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