
**PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UNDERCOVER POLICING
IMPACT STATEMENT OF N101**

History

1. I joined the Metropolitan Police Service in *the 1980s* [REDACTED], Special Branch in [REDACTED] and I was deployed to the SDS in *the 1990s* [REDACTED] and returned to squad duties in late [REDACTED]. I resigned from the Police Service in [REDACTED]

Risk Assessment

2. A risk assessment was completed by Duncan Hodge and he deemed the physical risk to be low or moderate. He conducted a thorough and professional interview.
3. I consider any risk to myself or my family to be completely unacceptable given that the threat to our security comes from a lawful execution of my duties as a Police officer with the full knowledge of my line management.
4. *HN101 now lives in a remote rural location and sets out risks arising from this* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5. I am requesting that both my real and cover name be protected to ensure the safety and well-being of myself and my family.
6. I suffer from diagnosed PTSD because of my work undercover for the Metropolitan Police Service. As a result of this illness I left a successful career that I loved and I have struggled to deal with the illness since that time. The stress of dealing with this Inquiry and the salacious revelations in the press have caused me great and ongoing difficulties. I would ask that you refer to the medical reports by my therapist for more details of these matters.
7. I believe that any release of information relating to my police operations, even the perception that someone could use any information to begin tracking me, will seriously and adversely affect both my mental and physical health. I suffer from physical and mental symptoms when under stress and the consultant treating me fears that a full stress reaction from my illness would result in being unable to function or work and may require medication or hospital treatment. Even small incidents have resulted in adverse reactions and periods of being unable to cope with day to day life

Deployment

8. I had no sexual relationships with anyone outside of my marriage while working as an undercover officer.
9. During my period of undercover work, I was not arrested or charged with any offences and did not appear in court on any matters.

Current Circumstances

10. ***Sets out current role of HNI(01) and partner and impact on private life including employment if identity revealed*** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

Operational Security

13. Special Branch, by its very nature required very high security and level of secrecy beyond normal Police operations. The SDS was many levels above this, it was never discussed outside the unit unless it was required for an operational reason and even then, the audience would be very restricted.

14. When I was approached to join this unit, secrecy was stressed all the time. While there was no written contract there was a tacit understanding that all operational information including cover-names were never to be revealed. We were warned that by taking on this role we could affect our careers as we would be expected not to take on any future public postings that could risk compromising our former identity or the SDS. *Sets out specific impacts on personal lives during deployment* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

15. We agreed to this believing that the Metropolitan Police Service would ensure our safety and our identities not just at that time or during our Police career but continually. If I had believed that this was not the case and any information would be released which could

eventually lead to my exposure, putting my family and myself at risk I would not have taken on this role.

16. I fully believed that the Metropolitan Police Service would fully protect my identity and not release any information relating to my operational role.

Links

17. The risk assessor noted that there is a sterile corridor between my cover name and my real name, while this is correct, the cover name is only part of the information that could be used to expose an undercover officer.

18. ***Sets out specific concerns of officer relating to sterile corridor*** The SDS was unique in terms of the length of deployment. In order for an officer to remain secure for several years their legend had to be absolutely solid, they know people for an extended period, go to their homes, meet their family, celebrate events and commiserate failures. [REDACTED]

19. [REDACTED]

20. [REDACTED]

21. [REDACTED]

22. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

23. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Awareness

24. *Sets out very limited extent to which family aware of SDS career* [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

25. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Post Deployment

26. Following my return to Special Branch squad duties I did not discuss my former role within my squad. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

27. During this time, my PTSD became worse to the point where I was concerned with my mental health, I felt that I was at risk of failing in my job and *Sets out circumstances in which officer decided to leave Police and move abroad* [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

28. When the symptoms of my PTSD became difficult to ignore, on the direction of my Doctor, I sought counselling, this is a continuous and ongoing process. Since the exposés in the press and the ongoing revealing of undercover officer's identities I have struggled with my condition. I moved to this country to start a new life, to remove myself and my family from any connection with my former undercover role in an attempt to give us all a normal future while I tried to deal with the symptoms of PTSD.

Conclusion

29. I am proud of the work that I did in the SDS, it was necessary, in order to ensure the safety of the public and to maintain the Queen's Peace.

30. I did the job to the best of my ability and followed the rules that were in place at the time with the full knowledge of the management of Special Branch.

31. I did not know the effect that this role would have on my health, the effect it would have my family and the fact they it would continue to haunt me so longer after I had left the service.

32. I fear that any release of information, no matter how limited could result in some form of exposure that would seriously adversely affect myself and my family, my fear is supported by the medical information that my therapist has submitted, so I respectfully request that both my real name and cover name are protected.