

Module One Special Demonstration Squad Issues List

The establishment of the Special Demonstration Squad

1. Why was the Special Demonstration Squad created?
2. Who authorised its creation?
3. Who funded it?
4. What was the legal and regulatory framework within which undercover policing was conducted when it was established?
5. Who knew of its existence?
6. What, if any, provision was made for the review of its continued existence after its initial purpose or purposes were fulfilled?

Size, organisation and composition of the Special Demonstration Squad

7. How big was the Special Demonstration Squad at any one time and who served in it?

Recruitment, selection and training

8. How were undercover police officers selected for the Special Demonstration Squad?
9. What, if any, assessments (including psychiatric and psychological assessments) were undertaken in relation to potential recruits?
10. What, if any, undertakings were given to potential recruits about (a) anonymity; (b) their welfare and that of their family, if appropriate; and/or (c) their future police career?
11. What obligations, if any, of secrecy were imposed upon Special Demonstration Squad officers?
12. What were undercover officers and their families told about their prospective role?
13. Was the information given accurate and complete?

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14. What, if any, training did Special Demonstration Squad undercover officers receive, both before and after selection?
15. What, if any, instruction and/or guidance about performance of undercover duties was given?
16. What policies and procedures were adopted and used by the Special Demonstration Squad?
17. Were Special Demonstration Squad officers aware of the applicable legal and regulatory framework within which they conducted undercover operations?
18. Were selection and training procedures adequate or inadequate, and if so, in what respects?

Legend building

19. When and why did the practice of using deceased children's identities begin?
20. Who devised and/or authorised the practice?
21. What use did undercover officers make of the identities of deceased children?
22. What, if any, thought was given to the impact on the surviving family of a deceased child of the use for police purposes of their identity?
23. When and why did the practice cease?
24. What else did undercover officers do to build their legends prior to deployment?

Targeting and initial authorisation

25. Who was responsible for selecting the groups or individuals to be targeted?
26. Who authorised such targeting?
27. On what ground or grounds was each targeted group or individual selected?
28. Was any aspect of targeting influenced by either conscious or subconscious racism?
29. Was any aspect of targeting influenced by either conscious or subconscious sexism?
30. Which groups and individuals were targeted?

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31. What, if any, reasons were recorded for the targeting of each group and individual?
32. Did those reasons justify each deployment?
33. What was the true purpose of each deployment?
34. What conduct, if any, was each deployment intended to detect, disrupt or prevent?
35. What was the practical outcome of each deployment? Did it achieve its purpose?

Conduct whilst deployed – relationships

36. What relationships with individuals did undercover officers form whilst deployed?
37. With whom did they form such relationships?
38. For what purpose did they form such relationships?
39. What form did the relationships take?
40. What, if any, thought was given to the impact on those with whom relationships were formed of the deception implicit in them?
41. To the extent which a relationship involved sexual intimacy,
 - 41.1. how and why did it occur?
 - 41.2. how long did it last?
 - 41.3. what occurred during it?
 - 41.4. what impact did it have on both parties to the relationship?
 - 41.5. how and why did it end?
42. Did undercover officers know about intimate sexual relationships conducted by other officers?
43. Were managers aware of such relationships, and if so, what were their attitudes to those relationships?
44. If not, should they have been?

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45. Were such relationships authorised and/or tolerated by managers?
46. If not, what, if anything, was done to ensure that they did not occur?
47. What, if any, thought was given to the impact on those with whom such relationships occurred about the consequences of them for them?
48. To what extent, if at all, was the occurrence of such relationships prompted by conscious or unconscious sexist attitudes on the part of undercover officers and their managers?

Conduct whilst deployed – participation in, or encouragement of, crime

49. Were undercover officers authorised to commit, facilitate or encourage others to commit criminal offences?
50. If so, which criminal offences were they authorised to commit, facilitate or encourage others to commit?
51. Did undercover officers commit, facilitate or encourage others to commit criminal offences?
52. If so, for what purpose did they do so?
53. If so, did managers become aware and what did they do?
54. In any given case, does the participation of an undercover officer in the commission of a criminal offence require referral to the panel considering miscarriages of justice?

Conduct whilst deployed – criminal proceedings

55. What happened when undercover officers were arrested and/or charged or summonsed?
56. What was the response of managers?
57. What happened when undercover officers appeared in court as a defendant?
58. Were prosecutors and/or the court made aware that the defendant was an undercover officer?
59. What happened when undercover officers appeared in court other than as a defendant?

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60. Were the parties to the proceedings and the court made aware that the individual appearing was an undercover officer?
61. Did undercover officers provide or give evidence in criminal cases involving others?
62. If so, what arrangements were made to ensure the prosecuting authorities and the court were informed about the status of the undercover officer?
63. Did any other circumstance arise in which the participation of an undercover officer in events which gave rise to a criminal case involving others should have been communicated to the prosecuting authorities and/or court?
64. If so, was it?
65. In any given case, does the participation of an undercover officer in proceedings before a court or in connection with proceedings before a court require referral to the panel considering miscarriages of justice?

Conduct whilst deployed – civil proceedings

66. Were undercover officers engaged in activities which became the subject of civil proceedings?
67. If so, should their participation have been disclosed to the parties or the court?
68. If not, why not and with what consequence?

Conduct whilst deployed – infringement of legal professional privilege

69. Did undercover officers acquire knowledge of information that was the subject of legal professional privilege?
70. If so, what was done with it by them and by those to whom they imparted it?

Reporting – general

71. For what purpose did undercover officers report information gathered by them: intelligence, evidential or other purposes?
72. By what means and when did undercover officers report information to their managers?

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73. By what means and when was information gathered by undercover officers disseminated to others?
74. To whom and for what purpose was it disseminated?
75. Were undercover officers tasked to gather particular information?
76. If so, by whom and for what purpose?

Reporting – justice campaigns

77. Were undercover officers deployed to infiltrate and/or gather intelligence on social justice campaigns and/or campaigners?
78. If so, by whom and for what purpose were they authorised to do so?
79. If so, were such deployments influenced by either conscious or subconscious racism?
80. What did they do to fulfil that purpose?
81. What information did they gather during such deployments?
82. To whom and by what means was it reported and disseminated?
83. What, if any, use was made of the information so reported and disseminated and by whom?
84. Was such activity justified?
85. What impact, if any, did such activity have on the justice campaigns infiltrated and/or reported upon?

The Stephen Lawrence campaign and Duwayne Brooks OBE

86. Which groups and individuals relevant to the Stephen Lawrence campaign and Duwayne Brooks OBE were targeted and/or reported upon?
87. For what purpose were they targeted and/or reported upon?
88. Who decided upon and/or authorised that activity?
89. Who carried it out?

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90. What information was obtained and/or reported upon about any member of Stephen Lawrence's family, the Stephen Lawrence campaign, Duwayne Brooks OBE, and any of the legal representatives acting for any of them?
91. To whom was that information disseminated?
92. What use was made of it and by whom and for what purpose?
93. What, if any, role did any undercover officer play in relation to any police activity concerning Duwayne Brooks OBE?
94. Was any of the undercover policing in this subsection influenced by either conscious or subconscious racism?
95. Was the undercover policing in this subsection justified?

Reporting – elected politicians, political organisations and political activists

96. Did undercover officers target, infiltrate and/or report on elected politicians, political organisations and political activists?
97. If so, who authorised them to do so?
98. For what purpose did they do so?
99. By what means did they target infiltrate and/or report on elected politicians, political organisations and political activists?
100. What information did they obtain about them?
101. By what means, when and to whom was that information reported upon?
102. To whom was it disseminated and why?
103. What was done, when and by whom with such information?
104. Was such targeting infiltration and/or reporting justified?
105. What, if any, impact did such activities have on the political and democratic process?

Reporting – trade unions and trade union members

106. Did undercover officers target infiltrate and/or report on trade unions and/or trade union members?

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107. If so, who authorised them to do so?
108. For what purpose did they do so?
109. By what means did they target, infiltrate and/or report on trade unions and/or trade union members?
110. What information did they obtain about them?
111. By what means, when and to whom was that information reported upon?
112. To whom was it disseminated and why?
113. Was it disseminated to the Special Branch industrial intelligence section?
114. If so, for what purpose?
115. Was it further disseminated to private sector organisations?

Reporting – social and environmental activists

116. Did undercover officers target, infiltrate and/or report on social and environmental activists?
117. If so, who authorised them to do so?
118. For what purpose did they do so?
119. By what means did they target, infiltrate and/or report on social and environmental activists?
120. What information did they obtain about them?
121. By what means, when and to whom was that information reported upon?
122. To whom was it disseminated and why?
123. What use of the information thus disseminated was made and by whom?
124. Were such activities justified?
125. What impact, if any, did undercover policing have on social and environmental activism?

The prevention and detection of crime

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126. Did the activities of the Special Demonstration Squad help the prevention, detection and prosecution of crime, in particular serious crime?
127. Did the activities of the Special Demonstration Squad facilitate the prevention and control of public disorder?
128. If so, and in any event, did that consequence justify the activities?

Management, supervision and oversight

129. Who managed, supervised and/or supported the deployment of undercover officers?
130. How were the managers selected?
131. What, if any, training was given to the managers?
132. What management, supervision and support did undercover officers receive from managers, back office staff and expert professionals, such as psychiatrists and psychologists, whilst deployed?
133. What, if anything, was done to commend undercover officers who deserved commendation?
134. What, if anything, was done to discipline undercover officers who required disciplining?
135. If nothing was done, in a particular case, why was it not done?
136. To what extent, and by whom, were the activities of the Special Demonstration Squad overseen?
137. Was the Special Demonstration Squad visited or inspected by senior police officers?
138. Were the activities of the Special Demonstration Squad the subject of investigation and/or reporting by oversight bodies such as Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and/or the Independent Police Complaints Commission or its predecessor?

Withdrawal from deployment

139. How long were Special Demonstration Squad deployments?

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140. For what reason or reasons did deployments come to an end?

141. How did undercover officers withdraw from deployments?

Management of post-deployment conduct

142. What, if any, steps were taken by managers and/or the Metropolitan Police Service to prevent the continued use of undercover legends and/or techniques after deployments had ended?

143. Did former undercover officers use their legends and/or associated material after deployments had ended?

144. If so, for what purpose?

145. Did managers and/or the Metropolitan Police Service know that they had done so?

146. If so, what, if anything, did they do about it?

147. Did former undercover officers and/or managers make use of information obtained whilst performing Special Demonstration Squad duties for private sector purposes?

148. If so, for what purposes and with what consequences?

149. Did managers and/or more senior officers know that they had done so?

150. If so, what, if anything, did they do about it?

Debriefing

151. Who debriefed undercover officers during or after their deployment and for what purposes?

The welfare of undercover officers and their families

152. What was the impact of their deployments and conduct during them on undercover officers?

153. What was the impact of the deployments and of the conduct of undercover officers during them on their families?

154. What support did undercover officers and their families receive before, during and after deployment?

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155. Was it adequate?
156. What, if any, impact did undercover deployment have on the subsequent police careers of undercover officers?
157. What, if any, impact did undercover deployment have on the health and welfare of undercover officers?
158. What, if anything, was done to alleviate the health and welfare consequences of the deployment on undercover officers after it ceased?

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