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PRESS NOTICE

Inquiry's Seventh Update Note

The Undercover Policing Inquiry is today publishing its [seventh update note](#). The update notes provide an overview of the Inquiry's progress and explain in more detail some of the aspects of the Inquiry's work. The update notes are part of the Inquiry's commitment to be as transparent as it can.

The seventh update note provides a chronology of the Inquiry's work so far, and an indication of next steps. In the run up to evidence hearings, the Inquiry expects to complete the anonymity process for the Special Demonstration Squad by summer 2018 (save for a handful of ongoing applications), and to issue a 'Minded to' note in respect of a second tranche of National Public Order Intelligence Unit anonymity applications during the autumn of 2018.

The Inquiry will also issue:

- A consultation on rule 10 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 (questioning protocol), hearing rooms arrangements and live streaming. The Inquiry expects to issue the consultation document in early August 2018, with an eight week period for responses.
- Requests to officers for witness evidence in preparation for evidence hearings are ongoing.
- Subsequent requests to managers and non-state core participants for evidence.

The note confirms that the Chairman has met with core participants by arrangement with the Inquiry. The Chairman has reported that the meetings have been extremely useful; they have enabled him to hear directly from those at the centre of the Inquiry's work the impact which undercover policing has had on them, the nature of the evidence they might be able to provide, and the views they have on the work of the Inquiry to date. This schedule of initial meetings is continuing.

The update note also contains a summary of the work the Inquiry is doing in preparation for the evidence hearings next year.

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.

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.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Undercover Policing Inquiry is constituted under the [Inquiries Act 2005](#).
2. The Inquiry's [terms of reference](#) were announced by the Home Secretary on 16 July 2015.
3. The Inquiry's [Strategic Review](#) was published in May 2018.
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 and the Inquiry can be found on Twitter [@ucpinquiry](#).

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