

N102: Gist of Application made by letter dated 20 April 2018

The DL team applied for a restriction order over the real and cover names of HN102 and requests that the Inquiry does not require HN102 to play an active role in the Inquiry going forward.

The letter summarised HN102's deployment from documents provided from the MPS: he was deployed against anarchist groups in the 1980s. He retired from the police entirely on ill health grounds in the late 1980s/early 1990s.

A member of the DL team met with N102 and his partner in November 2017 and were provided with a summary of his health difficulties.

His full medical records were sought. They show that he underwent 2 craniotomies in the late 1990s. The second led to a stroke which left him significantly physically disabled particularly in relation to one side of his body. He also suffers some mental impairment although the particular effect had not been assessed nor was apparent from the records. A report was therefore obtained from Professor Fox and a copy of the report was enclosed and relied upon.

The DL team noted that no risk assessment had been conducted due to the increase in stress and anxiety that this would entail.

The DL team requested that the Inquiry consider restricting the real and cover name without a formal application and to agree that HN102 will not be required to be involved going forwards whether by provision of a witness statement or otherwise.

N102: Gist of Professor Fox report dated 20 March 2018

Professor Fox is a consultant psychiatrist. He was provided with HN102's full medical records and met with him in March 2018. Professor Fox summarised the key events from the medical records in his report.

Professor Fox concluded that HN102 has some mental impairment including difficulties of recall and concentration, and suffers from depression.

In Professor Fox's opinion, should his real or cover identities be disclosed this would cause a deterioration in his cognition and potentially his depression and could lead to an increased risk of future strokes. Professor Fox recommended seeking the opinion of a stroke physician for a clearer assessment.

In Professor Fox's opinion, the stress of being required to provide or give evidence (including by written statement) would cause HN102's anxiety to increase and a deterioration in his cognition. As a result, he questions HN102's reliability as a witness.