

Core participants

Ruling 21

“Ellie”

1. On 17 October 2017, representations were made to me in a closed session on behalf of HN16 that a restriction order should be made in respect of his cover name. In a statement signed by him shortly before the hearing started, he denied conducting a sexual relationship in his cover name during his deployment with named women. One of them was “Ellie”, identified by her real name. For reasons explained in the closed note dated 19 October 2017, I did not accept his denial and ruled on 5 December 2017 that no restriction order should be made in respect of his cover name.
2. By statement made and submitted to the Inquiry on 17 April 2018, HN16 admitted that he had had a sexual relationship with “Ellie”, lasting some months, during his deployment. The Inquiry attempted to obtain from him contact details for “Ellie”, but all that it was said he could provide was “a guess at an old email address”.
3. On 20 August 2018, Harriet Wistrich told the Inquiry that she had been contacted by “Ellie”, who had had a sexual relationship with HN16 in 1999/2000 and had remained in touch with him since. She said that HN16 had contacted “Ellie” to say that he had been an undercover officer in the Special Demonstration Squad and to warn her that she might be contacted by the Inquiry. On 11 September 2018 Harriet Wistrich made a formal application on behalf of “Ellie” to be designated a core participant on the basis that she had been the subject of a deceitful sexual relationship, lasting approximately a year, initiated by HN16 in 2001.
4. “Ellie” clearly fulfils the requirements for designation in category [H]. I have no reason to think that she could have realised that she did so until recently and am satisfied that she has applied promptly once she learned that the name by which she knew HN16 was not his real name and that he was an undercover officer. I will designate her a core participant in category [H].

Liisa Crossland and Mark Crossland

5. Liisa Crossland is the surviving partner of the father of Kevin John Crossland. Kevin died aged five in an aeroplane crash in which his father was seriously injured on 1 September 1966. Mark Crossland is Kevin’s brother. HN16 obtained the birth certificate of Kevin John Crossland and made use of his identity in circumstances and for purposes which have not yet been established. The Inquiry must seek to establish them to permit it to fulfil its terms of reference.

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6. The applicants were unaware of the use made of the identity of Kevin John Crossland until informed by the Inquiry on 27 June 2018. They have applied promptly to be made core participants once so informed.
7. Both applicants fulfil the requirements for designation in category [F]. I shall so designate them.

20 September 2018

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry