

Core participants

Ruling 23

'Sara'

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 'Sara', identified by her real name. For reasons explained in the closed note dated 19 October 2017, I did not accept HN16's denial and ruled on 5 December 2017 that no restriction order should be made in respect of his cover name.
2. By a statement made and submitted to the Inquiry on 17 April 2018, HN16 admitted that he had had a sexual relationship with Sara during his deployment. The Inquiry obtained contact details for Sara and made contact with her.
3. On 22 October 2018, Harriet Wistrich, on Sara's behalf, applied for her to be designated a core participant in category [H]. She does so on the basis that HN16 conducted a deceitful sexual relationship with her between late 1998 and March 2001 approximately, while deployed as an undercover officer.
4. Sara clearly fulfils the requirements for designation in category [H]. She could not have realised that she did so until contacted by the Inquiry. She has applied promptly on being informed of the facts. I will designate her a core participant in category [H].

Movement for Justice by any means necessary ("MFJ"), Alex Owolade, Karen Doyle, Antonia Bright, and Tony Gard

5. MFJ was and is a campaigning organisation, founded in 1995, which sought to participate in several campaigns which were the subject of reporting by undercover officers deployed by the Special Demonstration Squad. The four named individuals are founding members of MFJ, have all held office in it, and have participated in events which the Inquiry intends to investigate. Each has evidence to provide about HN81 ("David Hagan").
6. All five applicants fulfil the requirements for designation in category [K]. Although the applicants could and should have applied promptly for designation as core participants once the cover name of HN81 was published by the Inquiry, their delay in doing so has not caused any impediment to its work. The evidence

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which they can provide is likely to be of significant assistance to the Inquiry in fulfilling its terms of reference. I will designate them core participants in category [K].

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Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry