

30 January 2019

OPERATIONAL NOTE

Privacy hearing

Date: Thursday 31 January 2019

Start time: 10.00am

Location: Court 76, Royal Courts of Justice ('RCJ'), Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

Please note

- Due to space requirements **press will be seated in the overflow room** for this hearing, **Court 75**.
- The overview room will contain two screens with footage of the hearing with a 1 minute delay.
- By an [order](#) made by the Inquiry Chairman on 15 October 2015, no transmission of any statement made during the course of a hearing may be made until a period of 60 seconds has elapsed after the statement is made.
- A [speaking order](#) is available.

This hearing will consider:

- This preliminary issue will consider how to provide individuals with privacy without undermining the public interest in the Inquiry being conducted as publicly as possible.
- All publicly available documents that relate to this subject are available on the [Inquiry website](#).

NOTES TO EDITORS

Media

1. Media representatives must present valid identification on arrival (media organisation staff pass, National Union of Journalists card, or a letter of accreditation from a media organisation).
2. Sir John Mitting will not give media interviews.
3. Transcripts of the proceedings will be posted up on the Undercover Policing Inquiry website as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing.
4. Wifi is not available in RCJ courtrooms. There is a BT Openzone Hotspot at the back of the main hall near the coffee shop, Café 26. MiFi dongles may be used in courtrooms.

Restrictions in the RCJ & in the Hearing Room and in the Media/Public Annex

5. The RCJ conduct security checks and maintain the following restrictions:
 - Camera and recording equipment are strictly prohibited and should not be brought into the RCJ.

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

- Mobile phones and Blackberry devices must be switched off or switched to 'silent'.
- Telephone calls are not permitted in either hearing room when the Inquiry is in session. Telephone calls may be made in the hearing rooms during breaks in proceedings but must conclude before the hearing resumes. To make calls during the hearing attendees must leave the hearing room.
- Text-based media is allowed in the Inquiry's hearing rooms and public areas of the RCJ. However, they must not cause a disturbance or distraction to proceedings and are subject to the Chairman's right to remove that privilege if he believes it is harming the administration of justice; further, **by an [order made by the Inquiry Chairman on 15 October 2015, no transmission of any statement made during the course of a hearing may be made until a period of 60 seconds has elapsed after the statement is made.](#)**
- Laptops may be used in the Inquiry's hearing rooms and public areas if they do not disturb others but they may not be used to make live recordings of proceedings. Laptops must be battery-powered as power sockets are not available.
- Personal entertainment devices such as MP3 players and iPods may not be used in either hearing room when the Inquiry hearing is in session.
- The Inquiry Secretariat reserves the right to eject individuals who fail to comply with these conditions.
- **Both Carey Street and East Block North (at the back of the building) entrances will be closed all day.**
- Parking is not available within the RCJ and parking outside the court is extremely limited.
- Further information about the RCJ can be found here:
www.justice.gov.uk/courts/rcj

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