

Module One Other Undercover Policing Issues List

The history of undercover policing in police forces in England and Wales since 1968

1. What has been the scope, extent and purpose of undercover policing in police forces in England and Wales since 1968?
2. Under what legal and regulatory framework has such undercover policing been carried out?
3. What are the organisational structures within which such undercover policing has taken place since 1968?
4. What arrangements for training undercover officers have been in place since 1968?
5. To what extent has such undercover policing been carried out by dedicated undercover policing units within individual police forces?
6. To what extent has such undercover policing taken place outside of any such dedicated undercover policing units?
7. To what extent has undercover policing been conducted by the Special Branches of police forces?
8. To what extent has undercover policing taken place in collaboration with other police forces?
9. To what extent has undercover policing been carried out by regional police units? If so, to what extent has such undercover policing been carried out by dedicated undercover policing units within those regional units?

The contribution made by undercover policing to the prevention and detection of crime

10. For what reason(s) have police forces in England and Wales used undercover policing tactics?
11. What positive contribution has the use of undercover policing (including undercover online policing) made to the prevention and detection of crime in England and Wales, in particular serious crime?
12. In what area(s) of policing, if any, has the use of undercover policing been particularly effective and, if so, why?

UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

Undercover policing: operational failings and deficiencies

13. To what extent, if at all, have undercover policing operations carried out by police forces in England and Wales (including undercover online operations) either 'gone wrong' or been defective for some reason? Examples of reasons why such operations could be considered to have been defective include but are not limited to the following:
 - 13.1. Poor support;
 - 13.2. Agent provocateur/entrapment;
 - 13.3. Ineffective governance and/or oversight;
 - 13.4. Inappropriate authorisations (i.e. unjustified authorisations for reasons including, but not limited to, inappropriate targeting or tasking);
 - 13.5. Inappropriate risk management;
 - 13.6. Recruitment failures;
 - 13.7. Inadequate training and/or psychological support;
 - 13.8. Inappropriate period of deployment;
 - 13.9. Specific examples of inappropriate conduct (e.g. sexual relations, commission of criminal offences, taking of controlled drugs, engaging in acts of violence);
 - 13.10. Inappropriate deployment of undercover tactics; and
 - 13.11. Use of a deceased child's identity.
14. To what extent was any undercover policing operation which was defective (for one of the above reasons or otherwise) a one-off failing or a repeated failing within a particular force? If it was a repeated failing, to what extent was the failing repeated and why?
15. To what extent, if at all, were such failings reported to those who managed, authorised and supported the undercover officers concerned?
16. To what extent, if at all, has any particular type of failing been repeated across different forces and, if so, why?

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17. What have been the consequences of such operations which have 'gone wrong' or been defective for some other reason, including any impact on affected individuals?
18. To what extent have any such operations which have 'gone wrong' or been defective for some reason either attracted adverse public criticism or an adverse judicial ruling?
19. To what extent have any such operations which have 'gone wrong' or been defective for some reason in fact never come to public attention at all?
20. In what area(s) of policing, if any, has the use of undercover policing resulted in particular and/or repeated operational concerns?
21. To what extent, if at all, do problems that have arisen in undercover policing operations carried out by police forces and/or regional units in England and Wales reflect problems that have arisen in undercover policing operations carried out by the Special Demonstration Squad and/or the National Public Order Intelligence Unit (and their predecessor and successor units)?

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