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“Wendy”

1. On 21 January 2020, I designated “Wendy” a core participant in Category [L].
2. By email dated 2 February 2020 from Kate Thomas of Birnberg Peirce Ltd, “Wendy” applied for Harriet Wistrich to be designated as her Recognised Legal Representative and for an award of costs in respect of her legal representation. On the same day, I acceded to both applications.
3. Harriet Wistrich did not have any existing clients in Category [L]. Nevertheless, “Wendy” was known to two women with whom HN16 had sexual relationships, “Sara” and “Ellie”. Harriet Wistrich already represents “Sara” and “Ellie” and she is familiar with the Inquiry's work. It is therefore an efficient use of time and resources for her to represent “Wendy” too.
4. I have been provided with evidence of her means, which I accept. They are not such that she could reasonably be required to fund her own legal costs. I therefore make an award of costs in respect of her legal representation under section 40(2) of the Inquiries Act 2005. The basis of assessment will be the same as that adopted in the case of Harriet Wistrich's other core participant clients.
5. This written ruling confirms that which has already been communicated by email to Birnberg Peirce.

3 April 2020

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry