

Ruling regarding the oral evidence of HN155

1. The report of Dr Amir Hussain dated November 2020 satisfies me that HN 155 has, for some time, suffered from chronic conditions caused by pulmonary disease, atrial fibrillation and heart failure; that his memory and cognitive functioning are poor; and that he is suffering from a severe depressive disorder.
2. I have also been provided a report from Dr Tehrani of 18 November 2020.
3. The two reports taken together satisfy me that the giving of live oral evidence would create a risk of significant exacerbation of the severe depressive disorder from which HN 155 suffers.
4. It is not necessary to run that risk, for two reasons. First, his deployment is extensively evidenced by contemporaneous documents of which he acknowledges he was the source or which can reliably be attributed to him. Secondly, there is evidence which the inquiry can call from the risk assessor that he stated that he had fleeting sexual relationships with female activists which he now disputes.
5. For the reasons given, I will not require HN 155 to give live oral evidence.
6. This ruling and the medical reports (with appropriate redactions for the protection of the legitimate privacy rights of HN 155) will be published.

23 February 2021

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry