

In the matter of section 19(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005

Applications for restriction orders in respect of the real and cover names of officers of the National Public Order Intelligence Unit

Directions

Applications by EN26, EN28, EN29, EN30, EN31, EN32, EN49, EN50, EN51, EN52, EN53, EN54, EN291, EN407, EN506 and EN508

1. I have issued a [‘Minded to’ note](#), dated 15 November 2018, setting out the minded to position in relation to these 16 officers.
2. As [explained](#) when it was published, the ‘Minded to’ note dated 15 November 2018 is primarily concerned with cover officers seconded to the National Public Order Intelligence Unit. A cover officer is an officer allocated to an undercover officer, who is responsible for matters such as security and welfare. Anonymity applications from National Public Order Intelligence Unit cover officers are being treated by me as ‘real name only’ applications. The rationale for this approach is that whilst cover officers routinely made use of cover identities for security purposes, there is a reasonable presumption that they did not interact with the subject(s) of the deployments or the public more generally (whether using their cover identities or otherwise). Consequently, it would be a disproportionate exercise to explore in each cover officer’s case, at this stage, whether their cover identities should be disclosed to the public. If in due course the evidence indicates, in any particular case, that one or more members of the public might benefit from disclosure of a cover officer’s cover name, the position can be reassessed on a case by case basis.
3. On 15 November 2018, in respect of ‘real name only’ applications from cover officers seconded to the National Public Order Intelligence Unit, the Inquiry explained that, where I am minded to restrict the real name, OPEN versions of both the applications and the supporting evidence would be published. That approach is consistent with my statement on anonymity applications, dated 2 February 2018, which was issued following the Inquiry’s consultation in respect of the process of applying for and determining anonymity applications.
4. On 7 April 2021, the open applications and evidence relating to eight of these ‘real name only’ applications (EN29, EN30, EN32, EN49, EN51, EN53, EN291 and EN506) were published. These applications (listed at Annex A to these directions) relate to eight officers whose real names I am minded to restrict. Of these eight officers:

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- a. EN32 was deployed as an undercover officer using the cover name 'Rod Richardson'. This cover name is already in the public domain and was published by the Inquiry (under the reference HN596) on 15 December 2016.
 - b. EN29, EN30, EN49, EN51, EN53 and EN291 performed cover officer duties for the National Public Order Intelligence Unit.
 - c. EN506 performed a necessary and important administrative duty in relation to the deployment of EN40.
5. EN508 was deployed by the National Public Order Intelligence Unit as an undercover officer. In relation to EN508, no application or evidence was published on 7 April 2021 because EN508's cover name will be published. Once pre-publication checks are complete and the cover name has been published, an open application will be published and a date will be set for responding to my minded to decision to restrict the real name in EN508's case.
 6. In relation to EN26, EN28, EN31, EN50, EN52, EN54 and EN407, it is not necessary to publish any application or evidence because in each case I am minded to refuse to restrict the officer's real name.
 7. The Media and any core participant who wishes to take issue with these orders should submit written representations to the Inquiry by **4pm on Friday 11 June 2021** setting out the grounds for the objection.
 8. If written submissions are made in relation to any of these applications, the Inquiry will publish them, subject to any necessary restrictions.
 9. If the Inquiry receives no written objection from core participants and no written submissions from the Media, the Chairman will issue a restriction order of which the terms will be disclosed in draft to the recognised legal representative of each applicant before it is made. The recognised legal representative may make representations about the terms of the order within two working days of receipt of the draft.

7 April 2021

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry

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Annex A to the directions dated 7 April 2021

Officer	Document	Date
EN29	Application	4 Apr 2017
	Risk assessment	25 Sep 2018
	Statement	6 Nov 2017
EN30	Application	27 Jul 2017
	Risk assessment	16 Aug 2018
	Statement	16 May 2017
	Addendum risk assessment	30 Oct 2018
EN32	Application	21 May 2018
EN49	Application	16 Aug 2017
	Risk assessment	26 Jul 2018
	Statement	5 Aug 2017
EN51	Application	6 Sep 2017
	Risk assessment	Feb 2016
	Statement	27 Feb 2017
	Statement	7 Sep 2017
EN53	Application	19 Jun 2018
	Risk assessment	8 Apr 2019
	Statement	17 Feb 2017
EN291	Application	21 May 2018
	Medical report 1 of 2	21 Apr 2017
	Medical report 2 of 2	6 Sep 2019
	Risk assessment	1 Apr 2019
	Statement	12 Apr 2017
EN506	Application	14 Aug 2017
	Risk assessment	25 Oct 2018
	Statement	8 Aug 2017