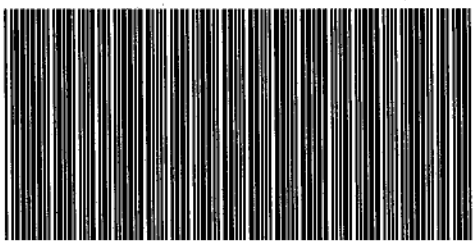
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Subject: 20161007-SO1POLCOM_current_tasking_list_GN_SIO-OS

Tina,

To aid in the consolidated response in advance of the Tue deadline, please see my thoughts (these are minus figures from T3 for bullet 2) and compliment what Gold has already sent:

- State explicitly that the processes and policies for dealing with witnesses and suspects have been rigorously and consistently applied. NORTHMOOR comply with MPID, PACE, SPCoP, national guidance and best practice when engaging with suspects & witnesses. Bespoke strategies have been developed which compliment these capstone references, all done in consultation and with advice from the national policing leads in these niche areas, in particular those who may be vulnerable or intimidated (Dr Kevin Smith, a co-author of the Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) procedures. Overlay this with regular operational and strategic advice and experience of the NCA; Det Supt Paul Williamson is the SIO for Op STOVEWOOD, the investigation in to historic Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Rotherham. **In short, we have the best advice available in the country on such matters.**
- Provide accurate numbers of the personnel (divided into serving and veterans) who have a) been interviewed after caution – Serving: T1: 4%, T2: 2.6%, T3: 0% Vets: T1: NG T2 NG T3: NG b) been interviewed face-to-face without caution – not sure what this means; we do not interview suspects in any other capacity unless under caution. Witnesses covered in point as follows: c) provided witness statements - Serving: T1: NG T2: NG T3: ? Vets: T1: NG T2: NG T3: 0% and d) charged with offences – Nil, no referrals have been made. I do **not** think we need to produce lists of all those who have been approached or contacted less formally.
- Provide figures for the number of cases already discontinued and a forecast for the likely progress in thinning down the case load (eg the figures that John Harvey mentioned yesterday). – **Team 2: already answered by Gold today.** Of the unlawful killing allegations, from an original figure of 3 incidents (accepting that 1 was inherited from SIB Regt and not under the original TORs – TELEMETER 2), we have discontinued 2 of those cases. See next bullet for mechanism of doing so.
- Describe any Northmoor-specific procedures for "triaging" the case-load (eg the possible re-allocation of resources to help burn through some of the less credible cases). - A**lready answered by Gold today.** The unlawful killing allegations have been prioritised. Those other matters are prioritised dependent on the level of severity of the alleged crime. This is tempered by the evidence already recovered and the likely ability to obtain more. All cases that are considered for discontinuance undergo examination within the (Joint) Case Review Panel (JCRP), during which advice is given by the DSP (or his deputy), the NCA, the SIO with the final arbiter being Gold. Any decision on the most serious cases is reviewed independently by the Greater Manchester Police Major Crime review Team (GMP MCRT). Due to the volume of relevant material, electronically stored information (ESI) and other relevant documents in existence that could hold evidential value, this has not been easy to obtain and is a continuing process. To proceed without obtaining this evidence could call into question the effectiveness and therefore independence of the investigation; an outcome which could lead to further lengthy civil litigation and/or proceedings in the ICC.

The initial contact strategy has been refreshed with only minor tweaks together with the addition of a flowchart and the generic risk assessmnet. See link. **Please note that the Annex A MUST be the redacted version if sending outside of NORTHMOOR**. I have forwarded this separately to Col Morris (another cause of his frustration). I am now not sure how he wants this. Just taken a call from Gold reminding us of the deadline.

Kind regards,

Jason

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Subject: RE: 20161006_SO1POLCOM_current tasking list-GN-OS

ALCON,
Note the deadline contained within the attached is now CoP Wed for a draft response, which means we have to have our response ready by CoP Tue to allow for finessing by SO1 Pol Com.

Tina,
Call me when you have five mins.

Regards
Lt Col John Harvey

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David,
Ack.

Tina,
See below, each point needs addressing. Note the statistics question for contact with serving and non-serving does not seem to be going away and will need accurate stats. Nominate a lead and start working the numbers.

- State explicitly that the processes and policies for dealing with witnesses and suspects have been rigorously and consistently applied.
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Jason,
I know you are working on the flow chart and the IWCS is already in place.

WO2 D,
An explan of the triage process is required (how we get to JCRP).

Joshua,
HOLMES stats should help.

There is no deadline given, but implied as a priority!

Happy to discuss.

Ack tasking.

Regards
Lt Col John Harvey

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Subject: RE: current tasking list

John,

e-mail from Andy.

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Subject: FW: current tasking list

Ed – Could you forward this to Lt Col John Harvey as I don't an email address for him.

Please see below a list of questions from DJEP focused on procedures associated with various historic allegations including Northmoor. They represent Peter Ryan's attempt to gather information for a response to the CGS letter to him earlier this week demanding assurances about historical allegations investigations. I'm told a more formal tasker will come from DJEP shortly and with some "challenging deadlines" but I don't have an indication of what that means at this stage. Some of the questions below look a little duplicative and some are matters of broader service justice policy rather than simply Northmoor business. With that in mind you'll need to consider a response which answers the broader policy questions which apply (presumably) equally to Northmoor and to other investigations (eg NI). To my mind, issues which need a broader PM(A)/Policy perspective are:-

- A description of the procedures and policies relating to dealing with suspects and witnesses (Peter Ryan has asked for a flow chart which illustrates the end to end process for engagement with witnesses and suspects).
- A description of how the service justice system makes calculations regarding the balance of investigatory benefit v impact on the "moral component" of the Army.
- Procedures for recording the number and nature of contacts (with witnesses or suspects) in the course of an investigation.

I'm guessing much of this already exists in documentary form and could be pulled together quite quickly in PM(A).

From a purely **Northmoor** point of view I think we need to be able to do the following:-

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I'd would look to Lt Col Harvey and the team in St Mawgan to pull this together.

As I say I'm not entirely clear about the deadline for this work but I think we should assume that it is unlikely to be more than a few days. As such I think we need to be able to pull together both bits of the response (the more general and the Northmoor-related element) by the middle of next week.

Let me know if you want me to call to discuss this.

Regards

Andy Denison

- 1. Considering whether further safeguards are necessary to prevent arrest or questioning of service personnel implicated in allegations without just cause;
- 2. Weeding out vexatious or insufficiently evidenced claims as quickly as possible (ACTION: IIA644

- 3. Assurance that interests of serving personnel and veterans are being taken into account in conduct of investigations IIA644
- 4. Raise with IHAT and Northmoor investigations the need to review their practices, to ensure that they are clear, unambiguous and treat soldiers with respect IIA644
- 5. Ensure that serving soldiers and veterans are left in no doubt as to their rights, whether being interviewed under caution or as witnesses IIA644
- 6. Individuals should be subject of a risk assessment balacing the value of potential information with the likelihood of causing trauma and long term distress to the individual; and the corresponding impact on the moral component of the Army's fighting power IIA644
- 7. How many soldiers have been investigated as part of the Iraq, Afghanistan and NI investigations? IIA644
- 8. How to improve the way in which numbers of interviews are recorded; which can help to reeal the ratio of interviews to individuals subsequently charged IIA644
- 9. Possible triaging of cases before individuals are approached, where evidence suggests that the interview:charges ratio is comparatively high IIA644

Many thanks
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Subject: current tasking list
Importance: High

I attach a first stab at a tasking list, on which I would welcome urgent comment.

Although there are a lot of actions against a few individuals IIA644 I envisage our using this to commission work from other people – notably IHAT and RMP and from CDP and the chain of command. We can update in light of the records of last week's three meetings – those chaired by DDC, me and Friday's co-chaired by John Donnelly and me.

Let me know what you think.

Peter