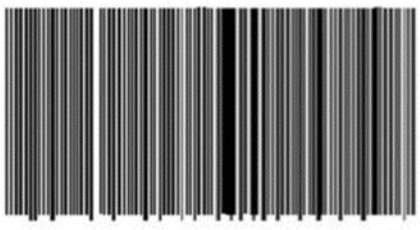
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6 Jun 16

MINUTES OF THE OP NORTHMOOR GOLD STRATEGIC MEETING HELD AT CAMPION LINES ON Mon 6 Jun 16.

Present	Col R Morris Lt Col J McAllister Maj T Stitson Capt J Wright Capt S Robbins Lt J Stribling	AH Tech Gold Silver SIO Tm 1 SIO Tm 3 SIO Tm 2	Chairman
In Attendance	Capt (RN) D Reed Capt A Southerton Mr M Bottomley Mr R Jackson Mr P Williamson	IHAPT FIO GMP Review Team GMP Review Team NCA ROCC	
Apologies			

Item 1 – Introduction / Matters from last meeting

1. Gold opened the meeting and to inform all stated the following:

   a. Direction previously received from PM (A) that matters raised by former detainees from POC and subsequent detention within the THF would be investigated along with allegations of unlawful killing. Basic systemic and patterns of lesser offending would be looked at as systemic issues with the complaints made initially by personnel in Afghanistan and through LDC. Following judgement in R v Mohammed matters amounting to inhumane treatment by personnel from Defence Intelligence during interrogation sessions would be reviewed accordingly. **All to note**

   b. The NORTHMOOR Team currently has its 3rd Silver in place and its current structure is Gold, Silver and a Bronze in charge of each of the three individual teams. NORTHMOOR has tried to SQEP its personnel but the deep specializations of certain appointments were not present at the beginning; there are however still gaps and this has been recognised and is in the process of being addressed. **All to note**

   c. The move of personnel to RAF St Mawgan was necessary due to the largely unused [redacted] facilities at the required classification available [redacted]. The NORTHMOOR Team will have the largest amount of [redacted] classified [redacted] material in one location in the UK and there are obviously specific requirements to facilitate this. One of the [redacted] classified [redacted] media devices requiring analysis and owned by the SF has been infected with [redacted] material at a higher classification [redacted] and has to be treated accordingly. Since inception NORTHMOOR has been running at 50% capability and it has taken time to assign personnel into the Team from Apr 16 and qualify them accordingly. Funding for the project has had to be signed off by the Cabinet Office. **All to note**

   d. A future deployment to Afghanistan is still currently being planned. Due to the complexity of the arrangements and the necessity to prioritise Team 1 investigations, the NORTHMOOR Team has been directed that the deployment would focus on Team 1investigations solely. **All to note**

2.	Mr Williamson enquired as to the progress of any parallel proceedings. Gold stated that LDC were currently positive about the process and had taken the advice of Gold that pursuing parallel proceedings before the investigation was concluded would be to the detriment of their clients. Capt Reed then explained the prosecutorial support systems in place for the NORTHMOOR Team.	**All to note**
3.	Mr Jackson enquired as to how investigations would be discontinued. Gold explained the legal obligations of the RMP under AFA 06, he also explained the current review procedures utilised by the NORTHMOOR Team.	**All to note**
4.	Mr Jackson enquired as to how independent oversight was applied with regards to discontinuing investigations. Gold explained the current role of the NCA and GMP with regards to independent oversight. Mr Jackson stated that his three areas of concern with regards to future risks to an investigation are its methodology, independence and practise. Mr Jackson stated that he believed all investigations should include a consultation with the SPA. Mr Williamson stated that an Independent Oversight Committee had been proposed and rejected previously. Mr Jackson stated that a qualifed independent advisor would be a useful appointment and reduce risk. Gold stated that the NORTHMOOR Team will take steps to recruit a suitable Independent Advisor. Capt Reed then explained the current policy regarding the SPA.	**All to note**
5.	Mr Williamson enquired as to the processes in place regarding victimless prosecutions. Gold explained the current discontinuation process and the role of the DSP. Gold explained that formal Terms of Reference (TORs) would be required for any independent oversight. Capt Reed explained that Mr Calder Smith QC was currently writing a report on IHAPT and that he would make this report available to the NORTHMOOR Team.	**All to note**
Item 2 – Team 1 Update		
6.	Tm 1 points were covered in a closed session.	SIO Tm 1
Item 3 – Team 2 Update		
7.	The current investigations being conducted by Tm 2 were briefed. This included a brief outline of the four investigations and the quantity and content of the complaints that have been provided to the NORTHMOOR Team.	**All to note**
8.	The current priority of Tm 2 is the extraction of the PJHQ J9 Archive on the Meridio system. SIO Tm 1 took the lead with regards to the cyber tasking sheet and consequently this was discussed during the Tm 1 update.	SIO Tm 2
9.	Several learning points have been identifed during the course of Tm 2 investigations. SIO Tm 2 observed that a policy had been produced in 2014 and that a report had been written in Sep 2015 and wished to know whether the previous policy was extant. Gold stated that Capt Reed had compiled a policy which will be discussed at a later date.	SIO Tm 2
10.	The Joint Case Review Panel (JCRP) structure and practise is to be defined and policied. Gold stated that this would be finalised at a later date.	**All to note**
11.	Gold was informed that a further task is to be added to the Cyber Task Sheet. This relates to the interrogation footage that has been requested by Capt	SIO Tm 2

Reed.

SIO Tm 2

12. Gold was informed that a letter is to be produced requesting information from Simon Lynch regarding the civil proceedings involving N5561.

Item 4 – Team 3 Update

13. Gold was informed that the HOLMES system has now transferred from Version 15 to 16. ARMAP have approved the security procedures and the system should be accreditted by Nov 16. SIO Tm 3 explained the current procedures for HOLMES within the NORTHMOOR Team. He also noted that SSgt Ridley now sits on the South-West Regional User Group for HOLMES Office Managers. The NORTHMOOR Team currently has nine trained analysts and is creating 47 profiles. Tm 3 also has six personnel at RAF Northolt and three JNCOs at the DAS. Tm 3 continues to provide support to the data sifting at HMS Collingwood. Tm 3 has drafted a discolsure strategy and will place Sgt Cullinane into Tm 1 in order to begin the process required by CPIA 96 for material generated by Tm 1. **All to note**

14. Mr Jackson enquired as to the current procedure regarding HOLMES and its use by the SIOs. SIO Tm 3 explained that material is provided to the MIR which is then read and processed. The SIOs will then oversee the actions produced by the MIR. SIO Tm 3

15. Mr Jackson stated that a review of HOLMES practise within the NORTHMOOR Team would be beneficial. He also stated that GMP may be available to aid this review. SIO Tm 3

16. Mr Williamson stated that a review of the command structures within the NORTHMOOR Team should be conducted in order to ensure that it remains fir for purpose. Gold agreed that a structural review would be beneficial and asked for an action to be raised requesting GMP assistance with a structural review. Gold asked Mr Williamson whether the NCA had any specialists in this area but further clairification is required for any positive answer. Gold also asked SIO Tm 3 whether the South West Regional HOLMES group could provide any advice to SSgt Ridley. SIO Tm 3

17. Gold enquired as to how the NCA and GMP would like to be assoicated with the NORTHMOOR Team. Gold asked what line the organisations would like to take with the media regarding their current role with the NORTHMOOR Team. Mr Jackson asked Gold to write to both organisations and that the current public line is that the NCA are providing advice to a Gold group. He further stated that the perception of an independent NCA should be maintained and that the advice is part of normal procedures for a Major Incident. Mr Williamson stated that the RMP are solely responsible for this investigation. Gold

Discussion of IIA828 allegation

[redacted]

[redacted]

Item 5 – MIR Update

19. This was addressed during the previous item. **All to note**

Item 6 – HQ Update

20. Silver stated that all NORTHMOOR Team personnel should be in post by the end of Aug 16. Silver stated that the conflict of interest policy was being enforced for the new arrivals. Silver

21. Silver stated that the [redacted] visited the previous week and will provide advice in a report. Silver

22. Silver stated that the NORTHMOOR Team is prepariong to provide a deployable readiness pool which would allow eight people to be deployed as a maximum. Silver

23. Silver stated that the NORTHMOOR Team is training personnel on TriM courses but would also require further auditors courses for the MIR. Silver further stated that key appointments are being assessed as to whether they could be civilianised. Silver

24. Silver stated that the investigation relating to allegations of the withdrawal of blood are still ongoing. Silver enquired as to the position of the NORTHMOOR Team with regards to further allegations or investigations that are uncovered in the process of the current investigations. Gold stated that these must be passed to him in order to avoid mission creep. Silver

Item 7 - NCA ROCC update.

25. This Item had been discussed in the previous items. **All to note**

Item 8 - AOB.

26. Gold stated that LDC are currently positive regarding the NORTHMOOR Team however they do have some reservations regarding the letter they have received from the NORTHMOOR Team regarding further information that will need to be provided to the NORTHMOOR Team. **All to note**

27. Gold stated that the data sifting at HMS Collingwood had begun. SIO Tm 1 confirmed that this was true and that the investigators were book marking relevant material which could only be used for intelligence purposes. These bookmarks only related to information before 2010 and are being compartmentalised utilising filters. SIO Tm 1

28. Gold stated that the FDHC procurement plan is currently in place and authorised. Silver stated that the installation of FDHC would be staggered due to construction requirements. [redacted] Silver stated that this process would take between two and four weeks. Gold stated that a security check would be conducted on the data systems in August. Silver

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SIO Team 2