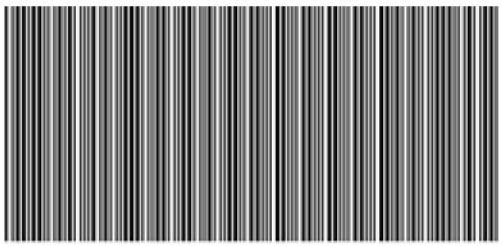
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CEG BRIEFING SHEET		
	Date Compiled:	**27 Jun 18**
IRN/Op Name:	Investigation Reference Number: OP NORTHMOOR	
Offence:	Operational incidents including detainee abuse, Unlawful killings and Non-Criminal Conduct Offences	
(to include, unit, name of Co, Bde, Name of Brig)		
Victim:	Numerous	
(to include, unit, name of Co, Bde, Name of Brig)		
Suspect:	TBC	
Referral Status:	Nil to date.	
(If not referred within 14 days state why)		
Background:	Investigation into allegations of wrong doing by UK forces whilst deployed in Afghanistan.	
Action Taken:	**SILVER** 1. 20 - 22 Jun 18 GOLD Visit. 2. 22 Jun 18 Request sent to SIB RHQ for engagement with [redacted] with regards to FMV. 3. 22 Jun 18 Telcon with [redacted] (UK) the current Comd [redacted] requesting assistance with engagement with the Afghan forces in order to establish the identity and location of APU personnel. He will respond in due course with the POC for the LO embedded with [redacted] 4. 24 – 26 Jun 18 DSP visit - he was provided a full update on N50 and all of the +10 at RAF St Mawgan. 5. 25 Jun 18 POC received via GOLD for the MPS witness protection unit. WO2 Williams and SSgt Smith have been tasked to engage. 6. 25 Jun 18 LDC letter contain RFIs received. It is highly likely that they will NOT be provided any information laid out in their letter as this is a live investigation and I have satisfied my requirements under the victims code. This will be confirmed with GOLD before a response is sent. 7. 26 Jun 18 Response received from [redacted] regarding FMV. Further engagement and basic info has been provided by RSM in order to establish	

the right POC if possible, but without giving details – SILVER will engage once POC is established.

TEAM 1 – Investigation team

Ongoing Investigative Actions

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2. Non-Serving Personnel statements continue to be recorded. Progress of the remaining interview is:-

Interview details

[redacted]

3. MEIT have attended Op NORTHMOOR on 30/31 May 18 and provided instruction on how to utilise photographic imagery relating to Obj under investigation in an evidential manner. Inv now tasked to implement techniques taught by MEIT into briefing documents. **Ongoing.**

4. A witness interview detailing the production of an SIR was conducted on 7 Jun 18. Follow up to interview will be conducted w/c 2 Jul 18 and statement finalised. **Ongoing**.

5. Target List evidence will be obtained once the relevant publication can be released from the DAS. SILVER is engaging with HQ DSF. **Ongoing**.

6. The Afghanistan data contained on the first of four servers recovered from HQ DSF continues to be searched using refined parameters and search criteria. Server now located in RAF St Mawgan as of 1 May 18. Analysis suspended due to accreditation issues. **Ongoing.**

7. Research conducted into operational staff and aircrew, with a view to record evidence in the future. Identification of personnel complete. NG x personnel spoken to. NG out standing. New LOE: [redacted]

[redacted] **Ongoing.**

8. Statements regarding HQ DSF email data recorded on 4 Jun 18. From the NG approached to provide evidence, NG has refused to divulge any further information

9. Interview regarding post contact procedures and building searches/clearance TTPs conducted on 22 Jun 18. Further doctrine identified during interview. Investigators to return to witness after analysis of said documentation.

10. Statements from Objective specific Role Given and Role Given arranged for 2/3 Jul 18 respectively.

11. [redacted] Engineers to visit RAF St Mawgan on Thu 28 Jun 18 to discuss and explore options for FMV footage recovery.

<u>Investigation Support Team</u> – Int and Analysis.

This paragraph contains an update relating to individual complaints

[redacted]

2. The ITS2 hard drives were receipted by NM on Mon 11 Jun 18. Arrangements are in hand to recover the hardware required to view data from HQ DSF. **On going.**

<u>Investigation Support Team</u> – Disclosure/Exhibits Cell and MIR

1. Preparation for Civil Litigation. **On going.**

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	<u>Investigation Support Team</u> – IFDHC/FDHC Phase 1 1. On 4 Jun 18 AH NM and NM HQ POLAD directed that IFDHC project is to be discontinued, and all efforts to be focussed on completion of Phase 1 as a viewing platform (estimated 6 weeks, dependant on outcome of network penetration testing). **Draft accreditation and [redacted] scoping document has now been submitted to DAIS for review and comment.** 2. Second consignment of data received on Mon 25 Jun 18. Data verification to be conducted by AST. HMS Collingwood is now fully collapsed with no NORTHMOOR personnel or assets in place. **Complete.**
Outstanding:	1. UK based Witness interviews. **On going.** 2. Further Deployment to Afghanistan. **Awaiting confirmation of APU.** 3. Continued recovery of data by consent. **On going.** 4. Recovery of FMV footage. **This sits with NM HQ POLAD.**

DCGS Office Call 14 Jun 18 – Briefing Notes

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Action Taken:	**SILVER** 1. 31 May 18 Email sent to [redacted] N1205 (UK) the current [redacted] PF7 requesting assistance with engagement with the Afghan forces in order to establish the identity and location of APU personnel. 2. 4 June 18 SILVER provided rationale to the FDHC working group as to the importance of have the server rooms and viewing rooms complete in order to avoid failure of the investigation. 3. 6 Jun 18 GOLD Gp were provided an update on N50 and 1 of the +_10 at Northolt numerous action have resulted and are being actioned. GOLD will visit W/C 18 June 18 DSP will visit W/C 25 June 18 Mark Ellison QC will visit W/C 9 July 18 4. 8 Jun 18 Follow up E-mail sent to [redacted] N1205, [redacted] PF7. No response to date. 5. 12 Jun 18 LDC provided with update to the investigation in London.	

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2. Four further laptops from DI have been checked and are being utilised for the viewing the interrogation footage. **On going.**

3. Collection of the [redacted] hard drives by DCS was completed on Mon 11 Jun 18. Arrangements are in hand to recover the hardware required to view data from HQ DSF. **On going.**

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4. Exhibit continuity for Team 1 material under review. **On going.**

5. All RAF SIIB ISOPTIC files have been reconstructed, checked and submitted to the MIR for ingestion into HOLMES. **Complete.**

6. MIR Assurance Review. TORs are currently being drafted for an experienced MIR Operator within SIB Regt RMP to conduct an assurance review of NM MIR capability and practices. Preliminary agreement received from HQ SIB Regt RMP for assurance review to take place (date TBC on ratification of TORs). **On going.**

Investigation Support Team – IFDHC/FDHC Phase 1

1. A full stakeholder meeting took place on Mon 4 Jun 18 (Chaired by NM HQ POLAD), to discuss all remaining issues surrounding the system's connectivity, use and accreditation. These issues have now been resolved, with clear direction provided to achieve full operational capability and accreditation of FDHC Phase 1. **AH NM and NM HQ POLAD had directed that IFDHC project is to be discontinued, and all efforts to be focussed on completion of Phase 1 as a viewing platform (estimated 6 weeks, dependant on outcome of [redacted] testing).**

2. Arrangements are currently in hand to move second consignment of data to RAF St Mawgan, date of move envisaged as w/c 25 Jun 18. **On going.**

Outstanding:	1. UK based Witness interviews. **On going.** 2. Further Deployment to Afghanistan. **Awaiting confirmation from HQ NM of Afghan Government approval to trace and speak with APU Personnel. Currently speaking with N50 has been pended unless he is well enough to travel to Kabul. This sits with NM HQ POLAD.** 3. Continued recovery of data by consent. **On going.** 4. Recovery of FMV footage. **This sits with NM HQ POLAD.**