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Decision:

Around 1/2 of the complaints are represented LDC with the others either in detention at Parwan or have recently been released. LDC are to be contacted directly by the Op NORTHMOOR investigation team but only by the SIO or DSIO, in order to establish links to inform them of the RMP investigation. It is unknown whether they are in direct contact with their clients. Those who remain in Parwan will be continued to be visited by the Detention Oversight Team (DOT) where their welfare will be assessed (this is a standing commitment the DOT have). Those who have been released or will be in the future will have no contact with the investigation team unless forwarding details are left upon discharge. The Victims Charter and associated JSP(839) will not apply in Afghanistan so the victims in this case will not be afforded the same assistance and services as those in the UK. Whilst RMP are not obliged to provide these services, the investigation team, will where possible, mirror the guidelines and offer such services that are available and appropriate. No FLO will be appointed at this time but this will be reviewed and family liaison will be employed where required.

Reason:

Without being able to contact the victims direct, the only method of potentially relaying information to the LDC is via LDC, who have already indicated they are not in direct contact. Those in Parwan will be served by the DOT, and although members of RMP are in the DOT, they will not be fully appraised of the investigation. Nevertheless, their role will be to ensure the welfare of all inmates of Parwan is maintained. Direction has been provided by HQ PM(A) that the Victims Charter does not apply in Afghanistan, JSP 839 Para 4.4, sets this out. This being said, all victims will still be afforded rights and services where possible with the spirit of the JSP being applied when it can. The deployment and use of FLOs is again impracticable due to the safety concerns and the inability to engage with victims. If the position changes consideration will be given to their use.

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