

Statement on behalf of Chief Constable of Kent Police
Witness: Detective Chief Superintendent R. Fordham
Statement No. 1
Date: 11th June 2019

IN THE FIRST TIER TRIBUNAL
(GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER)
INFORMATION RIGHTS

Appeal references EA/2018/0164 - 0172

BETWEEN:

PRIVACY INTERNATIONAL

Appellant

-and-

INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

Respondent

-and-

COMMISSIONER OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE (EA/2018/0164)
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER OF AVON AND SOMERSET (EA/2018/0165)
CHIEF CONSTABLE OF AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE (EA/2018/0166)
CHIEF CONSTABLE OF KENT POLICE (EA/2018/0167)
CHIEF CONSTABLE OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE (EA/2018/0168)
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR STAFFORDSHIRE (EA/2018/0169)
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WARKWICKSHIRE (EA/2018/0170)
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST MERCIA (EA/2018/0171)
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST MIDLANDS (EA/2018/0172)

Second Respondents

STATEMENT OF DETECTIVE CHIEF
SUPERINTENDENT FORDHAM

1. I am Detective Chief Superintendent Robert Fordham. I have been a police officer since February 1992 and have served in Kent Police for the 27 years since that time. For the past three years I have been the Deputy Head of Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate responsible for the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate which has responsibility for covert policing and technical surveillance units across the two Forces. Prior to this I have been employed as a Detective Superintendent as Head of Covert policing and the Central Authorities Bureau

across the two forces. During my 27 years service I have performed a number of proactive and reactive investigative policing roles.

2. I make this statement in support of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, the Second Respondent in the lead Appeal reference EA/2018/0164.
3. I have read the open statements submitted on behalf of the Appellant, of the Second Respondent named in the paragraph above, and of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, the Second Respondent in the other lead Appeal reference EA/2018/0170. I fully endorse the open statement of Detective Superintendent Williams dated 20/05/2019 submitted on behalf of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service and the stance of neither confirming nor denying for the reasons given in that statement.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed

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