

Review of the National Public Order Intelligence Unit

Terms of reference

To review how intelligence that supports the policing of protest involving criminal activity is prioritised, gathered, assessed and managed by the National Public Order Intelligence Unit, the National Domestic Extremism Team and the National Extremism Tactical Coordination Unit by considering:

1. the existing remit of these units and whether they are appropriate for the future;
2. the effectiveness of operational oversight and governance arrangements for these units;
3. the adequacy and resilience of structures, funding, staffing and resourcing of these units and the future requirements;
4. how intelligence activity associated with these units is authorised in accordance with the law including
 - a) consideration of how the 'proportionality' of covert tactics is determined, in particular the use of undercover officers for collecting intelligence;
 - b) the process by which covert methods to collect intelligence are tasked and coordinated;
 - c) the process by which covert intelligence is translated into operational activity and, where appropriate, tested through a judicial process; and

- d) the training, experience and accreditation of all staff involved in the process;
- 5. how covert intelligence gathering associated with these units is managed, including the use of undercover police officers;
- 6. whether existing legislation, and the guidance provided by ACPO, is sufficient to maintain public confidence in managing intelligence about protest activity.