



The Campaign Opposing Police

Surveillance exists to help co-ordinate, publicise and support the quest for justice for people affected by political undercover police spying and to ensure such abuses do not continue.

A swathe of campaigns and individuals have been targeted by Britain's secret police for decades, undermining efforts for social justice that should be welcomed in a democratic society.

Everyone has the right to participate in the struggle for social and environmental justice, without fear of persecution, objectification, or interference in their lives.

However, citizens have been spied on and psychologically and sexually abused by officers for being part of, or simply knowing people who were part of, such campaigns.

There has been a continual flow of revelations about Britain's political secret police since undercover officer Mark Kennedy was exposed by activists in 2010.

There are a range of legal cases in progress, groups new and old have called protests and organised conferences and a number of lawyers, journalists and academics have made the issue their special focus.

The COPS website links to many of them and has a calendar of upcoming events. It's also home to our blog which covers new developments as they occur.

You can also keep up to date by signing up to our email list or following us on social media.

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We condemn:

The **spying on families, friends, witnesses and campaigners** seeking truth and justice over the deaths of loved ones, such as the Lawrences and the associated institutional racism.

The gross intrusion of **undercover officers forming intimate and sexual relationships** whilst in their undercover persona and the associated institutional sexism.

The **use of the identities of dead children** by undercover officers.

Police aiding the **illegal blacklisting** of trade union members and political activists, and passing information on individuals to private investigators and corporations.

The large number of **wrongful convictions** brought about by misconduct of police and prosecutors.

The **use of 'Neither Confirm Nor Deny'** as a tactic to avoid accountability.

The creations of **police files on solicitors** representing protestors.

We have **no confidence** that these practices have stopped.

We have **no faith** in any of the ongoing police inquiries or reports, including Operation Herne, nor those from the satellite bodies such as the Independent Police Complaints Commission or Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. Several have already been thoroughly

discredited.

A public inquiry has been announced; it must be **transparent, robust and independent**. It should happen **without delay** rather than waiting for the raft of police investigations to be completed.

To ensure the inquiry is credible the Minister and the Chair of the Inquiry should meet with those affected and act on their suggestions and concerns.

Senior police officers past and present, especially former Met Commissioners and Special Branch Commanders since 1968, must be held to account for any wrong doing attributed to the units under their command.



We call for:

An end to spying on social justice and environmental campaigns and on families, friends, witnesses and campaigners seeking truth and justice over the death of loved ones.

The outlawing of intimate and sexual relationships by police officers whilst in their undercover persona.

An end to the use of 'Neither Confirm Nor Deny' to cover up these abuses.

Support and encouragement for police whistleblowers.

Protective measures to prevent serving and retired intelligence gathering officers passing information to private sector corporations and investigators.

A thorough transparent independent inquiry. It should supersede the self-investigations such as Operation Herne which should be scrapped immediately.

The abolition of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and its secret trials without right of appeal.

Openness and transparency about the past; with those spied on by the political policing units informed and given access to their files; and information provided to the families of deceased children whose identities were used by undercover officers.

A public apology from the police to all those affected.