

File Note

Principles to be adopted regarding Operation Caryatid and request by Commissioner to establish the facts around the case

I have considered what approach I should adopt in undertaking the above exercise. Specifically, this is not a review. It is to establish the facts around this case and to consider whether there is anything new arising in the Guardian article. I intend to adopt the following principles:-

1. Scale, scope and outcome, in terms of the original case.
2. Consideration in relation to the level of liaison with the CPS and Counsel and any advice they have provided.
3. Consideration of the approach adopted by the Prosecution Team and their focus.
4. Any complexities and challenges around the evidence then and any evidence now; in particular, in relation to the availability of data.
5. The level of disclosure and who had reviewed what material.
6. How the case was opened after the guilty pleas.
7. Whether there was anything new or additional in terms of the articles in the Guardian.
8. Our approach to victims - how they were managed and dealt with and the impact of any further inquiries (if deemed necessary) on them.

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