

31 Mar 20

SPLI – Quarterly Update – 1 Jan 20 to 31 Mar 20

Introduction

1. This is the latest quarterly report of Service Police Legacy Investigations (SPLI). It covers the period from 1 Jan 20 to 31 Mar 20. In this quarter, SPLI has closed, or is in the process of closing, 1 full investigation and 3 directed lines of enquiry.

Caseload

2.1 Since SPLI took on the remaining legacy cases, on 1 Jul 17, it has closed, or is in the process of closing, 1204 allegations.

2.2. As at 31 Mar 20, SPLI's caseload consists of 9 full investigations and 5 directed lines of enquiry, which account for 82 allegations.

2.3. An individual investigation, or a directed line, can be made up of multiple allegations. It is important to note that one allegation does not always equate to a single investigation or directed line.

2.3. One allegation remains in case assessment.

2.4 Table 1: Inherited number of allegations under case assessment, investigation or closed.

	Allegations received/ identified	Allegations remaining in Case Assessment	Allegations under Investigation	Allegations: Closed or To Be Closed
1 Jul 17	1260 ¹	1145	115	0
30 Sep 17	1260	737	114	403
31 Dec 17	1261	480	125	656
31 Mar 18	1263	202	146	915
30 Jun 18	1263	17	141	1105
30 Sep 18	1272	16	144	1112 ²

¹ Original inherited caseload was 1261 however 2 were incorrectly allocated and 1 was incorrectly closed under IHAT. Therefore, the new inherited total is 1260.

² Previously reported as 1122 but 10 allegations, recorded as screened out in error, have now been allocated to an ongoing investigation.

31 Dec 18	1280 ³	2	151	1127
31 Mar 19	1280	2	145	1133
30 Jun 19	1281	1	127	1153
30 Sep 19	1281	1	89	1191
31 Dec 19	1281	1	82	1198
31 Mar 20	1287 ⁴	1	82	1204

Table 2: Number of investigations between 1 Jul 17 and 31 Mar 20.

	Allegations under Investigation	Number of Investigations		
		Total	Full	Directed Lines of Enquiry
1 Jul 17	115	43	28	15
31 Dec 17	125	51	26	25
31 Mar 18	146	55	26	29
30 Jun 18	141	51	27	24
30 Sep 18	144	51	27	24
31 Dec 18	151	37	19	18
31 Mar 19	145	31	18	13
30 Jun 19	127	27	15	12
30 Sep 19	89	23	12	11
31 Dec 19	82	18	10	8
31 Mar 20	82	14	9	5

Referrals

3. SPLI inherited one referral from IHAT to the Service Prosecuting Authority (SPA). It has since been discontinued by the SPA.

3.1. In April, the Service Police referred three individuals to the Service Prosecuting Authority (SPA) in relation to two separate incidents, in which two Iraqi citizens died in the custody of UK armed forces in 2003. In July 19, the SPA decided that no charges should be directed in this case.

3.2 At the end of September 19, the Service Police referred two individuals to a nominated Commanding Officer (CO) in relation to offences linked to alleged assaults and abuse of Iraqis held by UK armed forces in April 2004. In October 19, the CO referred the individuals to the SPA. The SPA decided no charges should be directed in this case.

³ In this quarter, 8 allegations have been added to the caseload. These are not 'new' allegations - 5 of them were recorded as screened out or sifted by IHAT in error and 3 more were identified during two ongoing investigations.

⁴ In this quarter, a further 6 allegations were identified as part of an ongoing investigation; 2 were sifted out and 4 allocated to the ongoing investigation.