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SPLI – QUARTERLY UPDATE – 1 Jul to 30 Sep17

1. Introduction and Aim

1.1 On 10 Feb 17, the Secretary of State announced the Iraq Historic Allegations Team (IHAT) would close and remaining investigations would be reintegrated into the Service Police system. As a result, Service Police Legacy Investigations (SPLI) was formed.

1.2 SPLI comprises Royal Navy Police (RNP) and Royal Air Force Police (RAFP) personnel. They are supported by Civil Service staff and also a number of contractors who fulfil specialist, back office, support functions, such as the managing of the Forensic Handling Data Centre (FDHC). SPLI is led by a senior RNP officer.

1.3 The aim of this document is to ensure the public have access to relevant information that details the progress made by SPLI.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 This is the first quarterly report of Service Police Legacy Investigations (SPLI). It covers the period from 1 Jul 17 to 30 Sep 17.

2.2 SPLI inherited its caseload on 1 Jul 17 when the remaining Iraq legacy allegations were reintegrated into the Service Police system. Since then, it has disposed of around 33% of its caseload – closing, or in the process of closing, 410 allegations. At present it has 737 allegations that remain in case assessment.

2.3 SPLI currently has 25 Full Investigations and 20 Directed Lines of Enquiry, which account for 115 allegations. 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 a directed line.

2.4 SPLI is performing as anticipated and expects to complete the majority of its investigations around the end of 2018.

3. Caseload

3.1 SPLI inherited a total of 1262 allegations.

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	1262	1145	117	0
30 Sep 17	1262	737	115	410

3.2. SPLI currently has 25 Full Investigations and 20 Directed Lines of Enquiry at 30 Sep 17.

Table 2: Number of investigations between 1 Jul 17 and 30 Sep 17.

	Allegations under Investigation	Number of Investigations		
		Total	Full	Directed Lines of Enquiry
1 Jul 17	117	43	28	15
30 Sep 17	115	45	25	20

3.2. Since 1 Jul 17, 410 allegations have been closed or are in the process of being closed. This equates to 33% of the inherited caseload being processed in the first three months of operation. Allegations can be closed at various stages of the process.

4. Referrals

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