

SPLI – Quarterly Update – 1 Jul 20 to 30 Sep 20

Introduction

1. This is the latest quarterly report of Service Police Legacy Investigations (SPLI). It covers the period from 1 Jul 20 to 30 Sep 20. In this quarter, SPLI has closed, or is in the process of closing, 7 full investigations and 2 directed lines of enquiry.

Caseload

2. Since SPLI took on the remaining legacy cases, on 1 Jul 17, it has closed, or is in the process of closing, 1290 allegations.

2.1. As at 30 Sep 20, SPLI's caseload consists of 1 full investigation which accounts for 2 allegations.

2.2. 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. There are zero allegations remaining 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	1261 ¹	1145	116	0
30 Sep 17	1261	743	116	402
31 Dec 17	1263	485	119	659
31 Mar 18	1265	203	146	916
30 June 18	1265	19	141	1105
30 Sep 18	1274	17	144	1113 ²
31 Dec 18	1282 ³	2	152	1128
31 Mar 19	1282	2	146	1134
30 Jun 19	1283	1	128	1154
30 Sep 19	1283	1	90	1192
31 Dec 19	1283	1	83	1199
31 Mar 20	1289 ⁴	1	83	1205
30 Jun 20	1289	0	75	1214
30 Sep 20	1290 ⁵	0	3 ⁶	1287

¹ Original inherited caseload was 1261 however 2 were incorrectly allocated and 1 was incorrectly closed under IHAT. It transpired that the allegation wrongly allocated was required to be part of the caseload. Therefore, the new inherited total remains at 1261.

² Previously reported as 1122 however, 10 previously screened allegations have been allocated to an ongoing investigation.

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.

⁵ In this quarter an allegation was identified as not having been previously processed.

⁶ A live allegation is currently being removed from the caseload as not a criminal allegation.

Table 2: Number of investigations between 1 Jul 17 and 30 Sep 20.

	Allegations under Investigation	Number of Investigations		
		Total	Full	Directed Lines of Enquiry
1 Jul 17	116	43	28	15
31 Dec 17	119	51	26	25
31 Mar 18	146	55	26	29
30 June 18	141	51	27	24
30 Sep 18	144	51	27	24
31 Dec 18	152	37	19	18
31 Mar 19	146	31	18	13
30 Jun 19	128	27	15	12
30 Sep 19	90	23	12	11
31 Dec 19	83	18	10	8
31 Mar 20	83	14	9	5
30 Jun 20	75	10	8	2
30 Sep 20	3	1	1	0

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 19, 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.