



Operation Kenova Professional Reference Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the Professional Reference Group is to advise Jon Boutcher the Officer in Overall Command of Operation Kenova on the construction and delivery of the public facing finding reports that he has undertaken to produce at the conclusion of investigations into certain legacy cases emanating from The Troubles in Northern Ireland, known collectively as Operation Kenova.

Membership

Martin Hewitt QPM-Chair of National Police Chiefs Council

Iain Livingstone QPM-Chief Constable of Police Scotland

David Thompson QPM-Chief Constable West Midlands Police

Jon Boutcher QPM-Officer in Overall Command Operation Kenova

Reference Group Responsibilities

- Provide challenge and advice on the design and structure of the final reports
- Provide challenge and advice on description of national security matters included in the reports
- Provide challenge and advice on the delivery of the final reports including the Maxwellisation process
- Provide peer group support to Jon Boutcher in the development and delivery of the reports

Accountability

The Reference Group is an advisory group only. Legal accountability and full responsibility for the contents of the reports rests solely with Jon Boutcher. Reference Group members are, however, expected to agree to sign up to the need for openness and transparency regarding the events during The Troubles in Northern Ireland.

Frequency of Meetings

The group will meet, as a minimum, every four months. Additional meetings will be held if a dilemma point is reached in the production or delivery of any of the final reports, or there are specific challenges that require the advice of the Reference outside of the usual meeting schedule.

Before each meeting Jon Boutcher will provide the group with a written update on progress in the writing of the reports and specific areas where their advice is requested.