# Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan (IIA)

## HQ PM(A) Update

## June 2023

As you may be aware, the Inquiry has now granted Core Participant status to the RMP and separately to the MOD. This is granted to organisations with significant interest in the Inquiry and conveys both certain rights and responsibilities. The key documents relating to the Inquiry, as well as the RMP Core Participant application can be found on the IIA website at the following link: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/documents/.

All members of the Armed Forces that face criminal or civil allegations that relate to actions taken when they were performing their duties can expect to be provided with legal support at public expense. Therefore, we have our own legal team in place, led by Paul Greaney KC and supported by a team of barristers and solicitors.

If we are notified that the Inquiry team are likely to want to communicate with you, we will be in contact with you directly. If you are approached by the Inquiry team please speak to our IIA team at this email address: ARMYPM-IIAGroupmailbox@mod.gov.uk. This will ensure that the right support is in place and enables us to act as a single point of contact, as well as ensuring that the agreed processes and protocols in place for the Inquiry to interact with Core Participants, is adhered to. If you are contacted by the media, you should inform both us (using the IIA group mailbox) and the MOD press office, using the following email address: DDC-PR-News@mod.gov.uk.

Please let us know if you are aware of anyone that is affected by the IIA and if they are not already on our communications distribution list, we will ensure that they are added.

Please continue to monitor your personal mailboxes to ensure that you are up to date with all correspondence relating to the IIA.

Should you wish to discuss emails from the Inquiry team, please reach out to the HQ PM(A) IIA group mailbox.

If you have any information that you believe is relevant to the IIA, please contact the Inquiry team using the contact details at this link: https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/contact-us/

Your welfare throughout the proceedings remains of utmost importance to us and we encourage you to reach out to the following individuals and organisations for support, should you need it:

**Army Operational Legacy Branch (AOLB)** :

Maj Tracey Brooks, tracey.brooks102@mod.gov.uk

**RMP Regimental Secretary:**

Col Jeremy Green, regsec@rhqrmp.org

**The Veterans Gateway:**

http://www.veteransgateway.org.uk/

**Useful Links**

**DefNet:**
modgovuk.sharepoint.com/sites/intranet/SitePages/Independent-Inquiry-relating-to-Afghanistan.aspx

**Defence Connect**:

Independent Inquiry relating to Afghanistan | Defence Connect (mod.uk)

**IIA website:**

https://www.iia.independent-inquiry.uk/

**TORs**:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-inquiry-into-alleged-unlawful-activity-by-british-armed-forces-during-deliberate-detention-operations-in-afghanistan