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Dear Sirs

**Re: Jalal Uddin - Date of Birth - 01/01/1952, Date of Death - 18/02/2016**

*Introduction*

1. In the light of my ruling, distributed on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, determining that the investigation, and therefore the inquest, into the death of Jalal Uddin must be resumed, I now set out for the benefit of Properly Interested Persons ("PIPs") the next steps that now need to be taken.

*Scope of the Inquest*

2. In paragraph 25 of my ruling, I noted that it had been assessed that Mohammed Kadir was 'of high risk and significant concern' and that he posed 'a high risk of acting on his Islamist extremist aspirations' and that it would be necessary to investigate (a) the basis for each of these assessments; (b) the nature and extent of the risks; and (c) what was done (or not done) by the authorities in response to these risks and concerns.
3. In paragraph 24 of my ruling, I set out a non-exhaustive list of matters that in my view encapsulated the scope of the investigation that is now necessary to discharge the enhanced investigative duty that arises in the case of the death of Mr Uddin. They are as follows:
  - a. The extent to which SMS's, videos and WhatsApp messages disclosing active support for ISIS and the advocacy of violent jihad (against "magicians") by Kadir, Syeedy and Syadul could have been discovered through seizure and examination of mobile telephones, devices or computers;
  - b. The extent to which SMS's, videos and WhatsApp messages disclosing antipathy by Kadir, Syeedy and Syadul towards those who practised Ruqya could have been discovered through seizure and examination of mobile telephones;
  - c. The extent to which images of Jalal Uddin circulated amongst the group could have been discovered through seizure and examination of mobile telephones;

- d. The extent to which the fact that Jalal Uddin had been targeted by August 2015, because it had been identified that he practised Ruqya, could have been discovered through seizure and examination of mobile telephones;
  - e. The extent to which the break-in to the Jalalia Mosque in Rochdale, and the theft of Jalal Uddin's religious materials from it, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was attributable to Syeedy and / or his associates and could have been discovered through the seizure and examination of mobile telephones;
  - f. The extent to which the surveillance (including by photography) of Jalal Uddin by Syeedy or an associate of his in August and September 2015 could have been discovered through the seizure and examination of mobile telephones;
  - g. Why Mohammed Kadir was assessed to be a person who was of high risk and significant concern for the period from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 until 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016;
  - h. Why Mohammed Kadir was assessed latterly within that period to be someone who posed a risk of acting on his Islamist extremist aspirations;
  - i. What was done in the period after 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 by way of positive preventative steps to protect members of the public from the risk that had been identified;
  - j. What led to the request for the appointment of an SIO on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015;
  - k. What was done in the period after 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to appoint a SIO;
  - l. Whether an SIO was in fact appointed in the period between 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016;
  - m. If an SIO was not appointed, why one was not appointed in that period;
  - n. If an SIO was not appointed, what positive preventative steps were nonetheless taken to protect members of the public in that period;
  - o. What investigative or preventative steps were taken by any person after 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
4. If any PIP wishes to suggest that the any additional issues be addressed within the scope of the Inquest, then they may make submissions in writing on that issue. Such submissions should:
- a. Be filed with the Coroner's Court (by sending them to Lee Dawson) by 4.00pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021;
  - b. Be set out in a form that is suitable for disclosure to the other PIPs.

#### *Disclosure*

- 5. All PIPs should now disclose any documents in their possession that are relevant to the investigation into Mr Uddin's death. A document is relevant if it is likely that, having regard to the scope of the investigation, I would (if aware of its existence) wish to be provided with the document.
- 6. The process of disclosure will be conducted in four stages.
- 7. First, disclosure of all relevant documents (in the sense set out above) will be made to me and to Counsel to the Inquest. Such disclosure should be made by 4.00pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

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PIPs should clearly indicate when giving disclosure (i) which documents or parts of documents they are content to be disclosed to all other PIPs and (ii) which documents or parts of documents they are not content to be disclosed to all other PIPs.

8. Secondly, all documents that PIPs have disclosed to me and Counsel to the Inquest and which they have indicated they are content to be disclosed to all other PIPs will be disclosed by me to all other PIPs by 4.00pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
9. Thirdly, to the extent that any PIP has asserted that they are not content for a document or part of a document that has been disclosed to me to be disclosed to all other PIPs they must make an application to withhold the document or the relevant part of it from disclosure. That application must be made by 4.00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The application should be supported by written legal submissions and any evidence relied on. Such applications (including the legal submissions and evidence relied upon) should:
  - a. So far as possible be in a form which can be disclosed to other PIPs;
  - b. Address whether the fact that the application has been made can be disclosed to other PIPs (or certain of the other PIPs);
  - c. Address whether the category or species of claim to non-disclosure can be disclosed to other PIPs (or certain of the other PIPs); and
  - d. Address whether any documents or information within them may be redacted, or gisted, in a way that it can be disclosed to other PIPs.
10. Fourthly, a hearing to determine any applications of the kind described in paragraph 9 above will be listed on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at The Courts of Justice, Crown Square, Manchester.

Yours faithfully,

HHJ Patrick Field QC