



**METROPOLITAN
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SPECIALIST OPERATIONS

Gold Group

Terms of Reference

**To provide ACPO oversight of the various MPS strands relating to 'phone hacking'.
(Phone hacking is the common term being used in the current media coverage, and relates to alleged unlawful interception of communications by employees at News of The World)**

The strands at present include;

- New information in the public domain by ex News of the World employees, which relates to Andy Coulson, Sean Hoare, Sharon Marshall, Ross Hall, Brendan Montague and Paul McMullan. (DSU Haydon leads)
- SCD Investigation - Kelly Hoppen and Dan Evans (DSU Pontain leads)
- Management of new requests into DLS from various MP's and legal teams (likely to follow from Tom Watson MP comments in the House of Commons)
- Management of FOIA and other similar requests for information (eg. Mayors questions, MPA requests etc)
- Parliamentary Committees and preparation of material.
- New allegations or new material as yet unknown

To provide the various strand leads with strategic direction, advice and guidance.

To consider issues of risk, areas of potential criticism or MPS vulnerabilities.

To consider emerging legal issues.

To ensure the various MPS strands are being appropriately resourced to meet demand.

To lead on strategic stakeholder management.

To consider the media requirements for the MPS.