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29 August – Peter Wanless writes to Irene Cole and Brian Chaplin (former members of Voluntary Services Unit (VSU))

- “Whistle-blower” claimed that Brian Chaplin and Irene Cole would be able to back-up claims that the Home Office funded PIE.
- No response is received from Irene Cole
- Brian Chaplin phones Peter Wanless to tell him that he never worked in VSU, further searching of HO records reveals a second individual with the same name, who is presumed deceased.

11 September – Simon Danczuk MP writes to Peter Wanless asking whether the investigation is making use of digital forensics.

- On 17 September Peter Wanless writes to Tim Wilson (Former member of VSU).
- On 26 September, Tim Wilson replies with his recollections of his time in VSU.

Responses

Department for Education

2 September – Response to request for clarification from Secretariat.

9 September – WW attend DfE to review files

Department for Communities and Local Government.

22 August – response to Mary Calam’s letter of 17 July, four files identified.

2 September – Provide methodology for completing WW searches.

Department of Health

19 August – Information Rights Manager for the Care Quality Commission writes to the Secretariat seeking more time to complete the WW related file searches.

Secretariat agrees to extend deadline for responses to 5 September.

29 August – Response to Mary Calam’s letters of 17 July and 6 August, including search methodology.

2 September – Response to request for clarification from Secretariat.

8 September – first cut of the searches of Care Quality Commission files is provided.

8 September – Raise issue with legal files being held in Manchester and needing to visit to review files.

12 September – final version of the Care Quality Commission file search submitted.

16 September – result of physical search of legal files submitted.

Ministry of Justice

2 September –Response to Mary Calam’s letter of 28 August, no files of interest and responds to email from Secretariat seeking clarification.

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Attorney General's Office

15 August – no relevant files

2 September – response to request for clarification from Secretariat.

Cabinet Office

2 September – Secretariat writes to Cabinet Office with further directions on how to carry out the file searches and requests a description of the methodology used

4 September – Cabinet Office provided response and asked if WW wish to come in and review the files they have found.

10 September - The Secretariat requested that copies of five files identified in the Cabinet Office search are sent to the Home Office

15 September - Hard copies of Cabinet Office files are submitted to WW

HM Revenue and Customs

15 August – Response to Mary Calam's letters of 17 July and 6 August.

2 September – Response to Mary Calam's letter of 28 August

8 September – Email confirming no further information is held.

MI5

15 September - MI5 respond that results and methodology are ready for WW and send them over via UKIMN.

National Policing Lead

10 September – CC Simon Bailey (Child Protection and Abuse Investigations National Policing Lead) writes to WW with information on the police records management system.

Metropolitan Police Service

10 September – Response that no files within scope of WW in MPS records system are available for review

18 September – response received to request for clarity from Secretariat.

National Crime Agency

11 September – Johnny Gwynne, Director NCA CEOP Command replies to Richard Whittam's letter of 13 August offering to provide any relevant material to the investigation

19 September – Responds and provides copies of located documents

Crown Prosecution Service

30 September – Response following further search of microfiche and card index system, no reference to Dickens Dossier, but reference to other individuals are located, CPS waiting on information from MPS to undertake further searches.

Initial SEARCH TERMS Terms

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Geoffrey Dickens, Dicken(s)
General Correspondence, letter(s),
Director of Public Prosecution, DPP
Metropolitan Police Service, MPS, Met, Police, Commissioner
NSPCC
HM Customs and Excise, HMCE, CE
HM Customs & Excise, HMC&E, C&E, Customs
Importation, imported, imports
Postal, posted, post, seizure(s), seized, detected
Evade, evaded, evasion, smuggle, smuggling, smuggled, concealed
Prohibition, prohibited, pornography, pornographic, indecent, illegal,
Paedophilia, paedophile, paedophiles, paedophile ring, network, organised, paedophile
information exchange, PIE
Child abuse, abused, abusers, child offence, sex offence, sexual offence, sexual abuse, rape,
molester, molested, molestation, indecent, assault, child prostitution, buggery, pervert,
perversion, trafficker, trafficking
Homosexual, homosexuality
boy(s), girl(s), young person(s), under age, age of consent, teenage, teenager
'Children of God', cult(s), satanic, satanist, satanism, ritual(s), ritualistic, witch, witchcraft,
coven(s), voodoo, voodooism, voodooist, occult
Children's home(s), residential home(s), care home(s), youth home(s), youth hostel(s),
residential family centre(s), community home(s), institution, institutionalised
'boarded out', approved school(s), borstal(s), youth custody centre(s)
Dossier(s), report(s), abuse inquiries, abuse enquiries, abuse investigation(s)
Alleged, allege, allegation(s), complaint(s), complainant(s)
Investigate, investigated, investigation(s) prosecute, prosecuted, prosecution(s), charge(s),
charged, criminal proceedings, criminal trial, convicted, conviction(s), guilty, not guilty,
acquitted, acquittal(s), offender(s)
Victim(s), trafficked

Narrower set of search terms

SEARCH TERMS (Wanless/Whittam Review) **Terms**

Geoffrey Dickens
Paedophilia, paedophile, paedophiles, paedophile ring, network, organised,
paedophile information exchange, PIE, P.I.E., pedaphile (sic), pedophilia (sic),
child pornography
Child sexual abuse, child prostitution, child abuse.
Dossier(s), abuse inquiries, abuse enquiries, abuse investigation(s)