

Witness Name: Critchley
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THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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Witness Statement of Ian David Critchley

I, Ian David Critchley, will say as follows:-

1. I am Assistant Chief Constable Critchley of the Merseyside Police.
2. I make this statement pursuant to the request of the inquiry dated 14 October 2020
3. I gave evidence before the Inquiry on 28 September 2020. I was asked questions by Ms Sharpling, which appear at pages 158 to 162 of the transcript of the evidence. As can be seen I was asked questions about the national disruption tool kit and the civil orders that the force applies for. I make it clear in my evidence that the orders that I am talking about are the orders that the Chief Constable has the locus to apply for, those applications being made by the Legal Services Department of the Police.
4. I have been asked to provide the number of successful applications made by the force in each category for the last 2 years. I have taken this as year ending 30 September 2019 and year ending 30 September 2020.
5. It may be useful however, if I outline all of the interventions in the tool kit and remind the inquiry of those who have the locus to use them. I will then provide the detail of the number of orders, which the Chief Constable has locus to apply for and the numbers applied for on a force wide basis as above.
6. Interventions that don't require the involvement of the court.
 - 6.1 CAWNS – I have addressed these in my earlier statements.
 - 6.2 National Referral Mechanism – this is used by the force but does not require the involvement of legal services/ the courts
 - 6.3 Directions excluding a person from an areas S34/35/36 Anti Social Behaviour Policing and Crime Act 2014. – Such dispersal notices are used, if not daily then weekly in the force area, they do not require the involvement of legal services/ the courts.
 - 6.4 Community Protection Notices – again where appropriate these are issued by the officers on the ground without the intervention of legal services the courts.

- 6.5 Information about guests at hotels – as above these are used where appropriate but do not involve the legal services department or the courts.
- 6.6 Reviews of licensed premises – the force routinely applies for reviews of licensed premises, such applications being made by the licensing department to the relevant local authority committee.
7. Interventions that have to be applied for by Local Authorities, ie where the Chief Constable has no locus to use the intervention:-
- 7.1 Recovery Orders – these are applied for in the Family Court by the Local Authority.
- 7.2 Public Spaces Protection Orders:- these are made by Local Authorities following appropriate public consultation. The Chief Constable is always consulted before such an order is made
- 7.3 Forced Marriage Protection orders: the Local Authority has the right to apply for these. The Chief Constable can apply with the permission of the court if it is expedient for him so to do. The Local Authority should take primacy, but there are figures below where, the Chief Constable has made the application.
8. Interventions that apply on conviction and are therefore applied for by the CPS.
- 8.1 Criminal Behaviour Orders: The officer in the case will provide a statement to the CPS to assist with the granting of such orders.
- 8.2 Restraining or non molestation orders: Depending on the circumstances these can be applied for by the CPS, and or an aggrieved party. Where appropriate the force introduces an aggrieved party to and IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate to assist with the Process.
9. Interventions that can only be applied for by others.
- 9.1 Anti Social Behaviour absolute grounds for possession: - Such orders can only be applied for by landlords, but officers in the force frequently provide witness statements to assist with the same.
10. Orders where the Chief Constable has locus:

Intervention	Number year ending 30.9.2019	Number year ending 30.9.2020	Total
Slavery and Trafficking risk orders	Interim x 1 (became full in next period) Full Order x 2	Full x 1	3 x Full
Slavery and Trafficking prevention orders	0	0	0
Sexual Harm Prevention Orders	1	0	0
Sexual Risk Orders	0	3	3
Notification Orders	0	4	0

Domestic Violence Protection Orders	504 (521 applications)	415 (441 applications)	918 (962 applications)
Civil Injunctions (Asbi's)	0	0	0
Gang Injunctions	13	6	19
Closure Notices	7 (+1 extended)	10 (+1 extended)	17 (+2 extended)
Forfeiture Orders (Proceeds of Crime Act 2002)	£1,590,224.79 (267 applications)	£983,550.26 (172 applications)	£2,573,775.05 (439 applications)

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

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Signed: _____
 Ian David Critchley

Dated: 21 October 2020