Our ref: 6518/20

#### Original request:

- 1. Please provide all communications (email, letter, memo), any meeting minutes and any documentation such as policy statements or guidance relating to the policing of protests in your area from August 1st to date.
- 2. Please provide all communications, any meeting minutes, and any other data held (e.g. data logs on computer system(s)) regarding the policing of the gathering of Standing For Women / Woman, by Definition / Leeds ReSisters, Claire Jones and Kellie-Jay Keen Minshull in Victoria Square, Leeds on 20th September 2020.

#### Refined Request:

Please provide all emails any documentation such as policy statements or guidance relating to the policing of protests in your area from 16th - 26th September inclusive.

West Yorkshire Police have completed an electronic search of emails during the specified time period for relevant keywords and phrases. It should be noted that when these results are returned they are organised by mailboxes, therefore the same email with multiple recipients throughout force will be returned multiple times. Due to this a manual search into each mailbox is required to establish whether emails are duplicates.

The volume of mailboxes returned during this process greatly exceeds 1000, therefore we have searched through the amount we could in 18 hours. Therefore, there may be further email communications held that have not been captured by this request.

Attached are the emails and documents, redactions have been applied by virtue of Section 30 (1) (a) (b) (c) Investigations, Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Law Enforcement and Section 40 (2) Personal Information. Please see Appendix A, for the full legislative explanation as to why West Yorkshire Police are unable to provide this information.

#### Appendix A

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 creates a statutory right of access to information held by public authorities. A public authority in receipt of a request must, if permitted, state under Section 1(a) of the Act, whether it holds the requested information and, if held, then communicate that information to the applicant under Section 1(b) of the Act.

The right of access to information is not without exception and is subject to a number of exemptions which are designed to enable public authorities, to withhold information that is unsuitable for release. Importantly the Act is designed to place information into the public domain. Information is granted to one person under the Act, it is then considered public information and must be communicated to any individual, should a request be received.

#### **DECISION**

Your request for information has been considered and I regret to inform you that West Yorkshire Police cannot comply. This letter serves as a Refusal Notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### Section 17 of the Act provides:

- (1) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is to any extent relying on a claim that information is exempt information must, within the time for complying with Section 1(1), give the applicant a notice which:-
- (a) States the fact,
- (b) Specifies the exemption in question, and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

#### REASONS FOR DECISION

The reason that we are unable to provide you with this information is covered by the following Exemption:

#### Section 30 (1) (a) (b) (c) Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Local Authorities

Section 30 is a qualified class based exemption and therefore engages the public interest test.

#### Section 31 (1) (a) (b) (c) Law Enforcement

Section 31 is a qualified prejudice based exemption and therefore I am required to provide evidence of harm and conduct the public interest test.

#### **Section 40 (2) Personal Information**

Section 40 is an absolute class based exemption therefore there is no requirement to provide evidence of harm or consider the public interest test.

To disclose the information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and highlight their individual role within one specific policing activity, which would breach principle 1 (lawfulness, fairness and transparency) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

#### **Evidence of harm**

The details contained within the emails and documents are discussions of policing tactics used during certain events that West Yorkshire Police may come across on a daily basis. In disclosing these tactics would render them useless as the criminal fraternity would use the information to undermine the tactics. Thus, increasing criminal activity and placing the public at risk.

Additionally West Yorkshire Police Officers and Staff each have direct contact numbers used internally to aid the prevention and detection of crime. In disclosing these contact details to the public at large would cause an influx in direct internal calls, disrupting the day to day capabilities of the force.

#### Public interest test

#### Factors favouring disclosure Section 31

Disclosure of the redacted information would demonstrate the resources available to West Yorkshire Police and reassure the public in the forces handling of certain situations when protecting the communities.

#### Factors favouring non-disclosure Section 31

To disclose the internal communications surrounding the organisation and officer tactics when faced with specific situations in the line of duty would compromise the integrity of these tactics. Disclosing how West Yorkshire Police may handle or communicate any strategic policing plans would provide the criminal fraternity with the knowledge and ability to undermine the force. West Yorkshire Police are tasked with the prevention and detection of crime, disclosing details of how we intend to achieve this would render those tactics ineffective, enabling criminals to evade detection and continue committing further criminal activities.

#### **Factors favouring disclosure Section 30**

Disclosing all details in emails and attachments would ensure openness and transparency with the public, developing public confidence.

#### Factors favouring non-disclosure Section 30

Some information is created and used by West Yorkshire Police for the sole purpose of aiding investigations and any future proceedings. In disclosing this these proceedings would be undermined and potentially affect the outcome.

#### **Balance test**

Whilst there is a strong public interest in this demonstration and the police presence, all disclosures must weigh up both the factors for and against disclosing all details. The factors favouring disclosure in this case are the openness and transparency that would strengthen public confidence. This is weighed against the fact that disclosing full details of emails and attachments would undermine policing tactics and enable criminals to adapt their behaviour, avoiding detection from West Yorkshire Police.

Additionally the disclosure of direct individual contact details would disrupt the daily workings of the police network. It is for these reasons I believe balance lies in favour of non-disclosure.

From: \$40(2)
To: \$40(2)
Cc: \$40(2)

Subject: RE: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL]

**Date:** 21 September 2020 10:03:00

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Classification: OFFICIAL

Sir,

Thank you for this, I have had a look at their website S31(1) S40(2)

Regards

S40<sub>(2</sub>

PS **S40(2)** 

West Yorkshire Police Community Cohesion Sgt Safer Leeds

Work tel **S31(1)** 

4<sup>th</sup> floor Annexe, Merrion, Leeds, LS2 8BB





From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 21 September 2020 09:21

To: \$40(2)

Cc: <mark>S40(2</mark>)

**Subject:** FW: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL]

FYI ta. Regards



S40(2)

Chief Inspector Leeds District SLT

West Yorkshire Police

S40(2)

Mobile **S31(1)** 

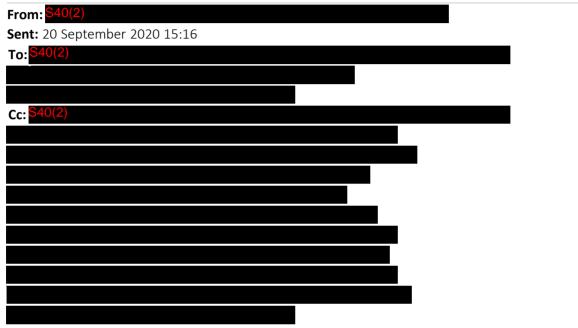
A Web Based Portal to allow organisations and groups to submit important information directly to the Police. Contact me if you want to learn more.

Partnership Intelligence Portal

#### S40(2)

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**Subject:** Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL

Ma'am / Sir / \$40(2)

As per our discussions, today there was the Standing For Women Event in the city. This has been run on  $\log \frac{830(1)}{19/9/20}$ . The tactics were confirmed by CI  $\frac{840(2)}{19/9/20}$  last night and have been detailed in previous emails. PS  $\frac{840(2)}{19/9/20}$  was ground bronze for this and has done an excellent job.

At the time of writing all those that have attended have now left. NPT are providing passing attention and reassurance.

We have issued in the region of 12 tickets (this does not include those that were arrested). Three arrests have been made where Covid breaches have been identified and the suspects have refused to provide details. One of these individuals quickly provided details and was de-arrested. The other failed to provide details and was transported to ER custody. This individual is \$\frac{\$\$40(2)\$}{}\$

Having reviewed the custody record it appears that as soon as we could identify her as \$40(2) then she has been released.

A short time after the arrest I was made aware by  $\frac{$40(2)$}{}$  that  $\frac{$40(2)$}{}$  was able to live stream her arrest and subsequent conversations in the police van. The officers were immediately

info rmed and managed to tu rn off the broadcast. It appears as t ho ugh she has been able to lock her phone whilst still streaming before giving it to off icers. I can confirm that.. did not have the phone on her whilst on route to custody, th is had been removed and was in a bag not in her possession.

The third arrest occurred about half an hour after the initial arrests, this was \$40(2)
, and she was
arrested for Participate in a gathering of more than 6 persons and Obstruct PC. Again she was arrested for failing to provide details follow the Covid breach but she has also been arrest ed for obstruct PC detention was refused and this is being dealt with out of custody. There was a short spell of unrest after this arrest but this was quicklymanaged with district resources.  In addition, log—of today is a report from a member of public making us aware that the arrest
was live streamed and that the female was continuing to stream whilst being transported to ER
custody S30(1) S40(2)
We now have access to the live stream and this can be found at <a href="Light-Index-of-www.voutube.com/watch?">Light-Index-of-www.voutube.com/watch?</a> <a href="V-ttylHcPwzbL">v-ttylHcPwzbL</a> I have reviewed this footage and the main officer involved is PC I can confirm that he is professional, reasonable and proport ionate throughout the arrest. He has gone a ave and beyond to engage and try to resolve this without the need for arrest however.  A number of comments on the live stream have commented how professional the officers have been. There is a summary transcript attached to this email.
I have discussed the above with the on call pressoffice ${\bf r}$ , he has all the above information ${\bf S31(1)}$
S31(1) S40(2)
Summary Transcript
Kind Regards

# S31(1)

Intel of note **S31(1)** — Log <sup>S31(1)</sup> of 19th

Standing for Women - 12:30 hours 20/09/20, VICTORIA GARDENS, THE HEADROW, LEEDS

Officers phoned \$40(2) in a view to other alternatives such as an online demonstration to prevent any unnecessary risks people gathering in groups, it was explained over the recent weeks officers had engaged with numerous organisers for different events who decided to move the demonstration online to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, and with feedback from the various groups they had great support from their members/followers and were looking to do more online events.

With the increased infection rate of 75 per 100,000 which is higher than some areas in lockdown and there was a real risk of people attending from low infection areas contracting the virus.

is claiming that she isn't the organiser of the event and the actual organiser is a female named  $\frac{$40(2)$}{$40(2)$}$  contacted the police on behalf  $\frac{$40(2)$}{$40(2)$}$  and claims that the event is solely organised by her. Although during the conversation  $\frac{$40(2)$}{$40(2)$}$  stated that on the day she would be ensuring that the groups would be in bubbles of 6 that's self-distanced from each other

 $^{840(2)}$  stated that it wasn't her who was making the decision and it would be up to  $^{840(2)}$  when asked for  $^{840(2)}$  contact details she stated that she didn't have a contact number for  $^{840(2)}$ 

believes the demonstration is political and they have every right to hold the demonstration, a request due to safety to members of public and the public health issues that if they attended for the demonstration and didn't disperse when requested then FPNS would be issued along with a larger fine to the organiser \$40(2)

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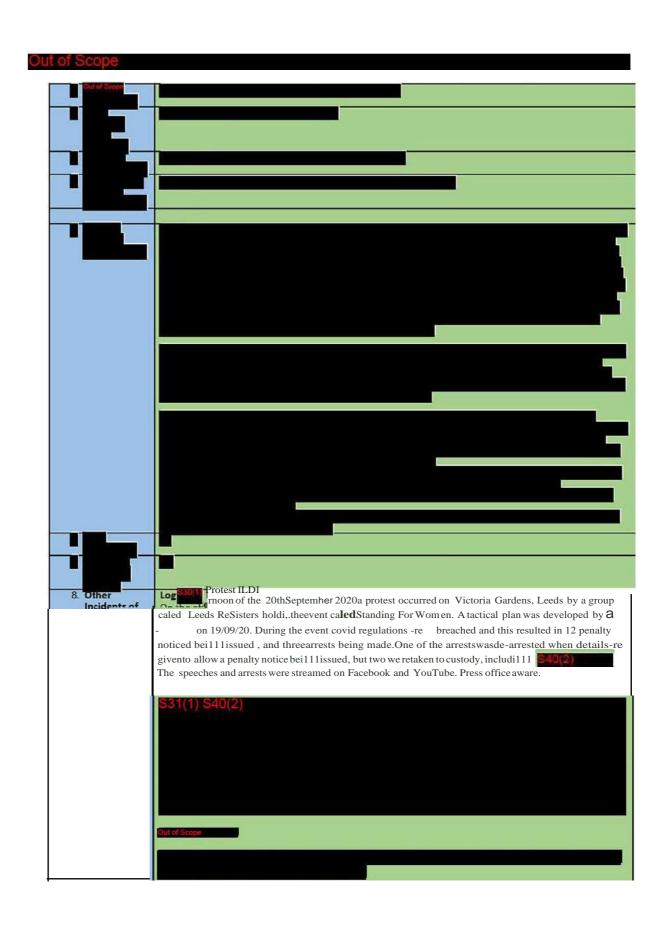


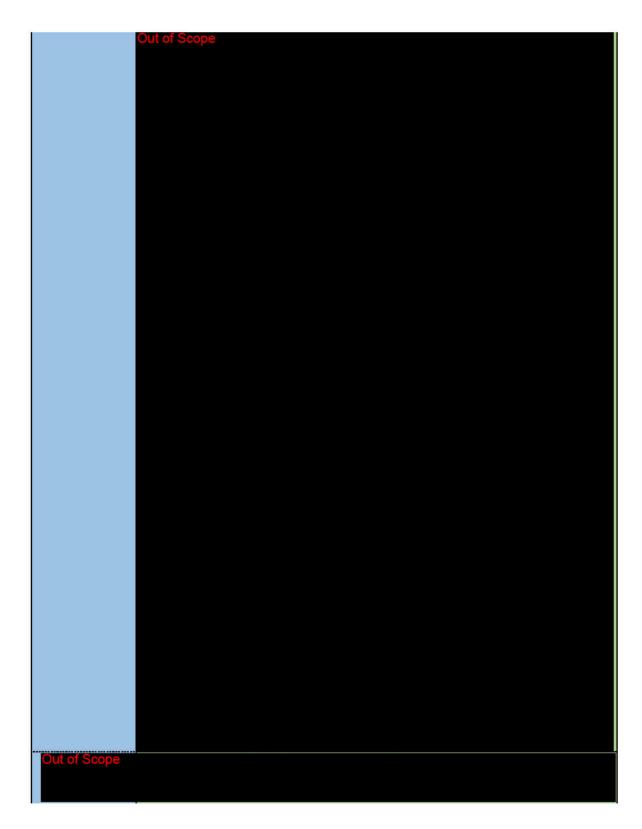
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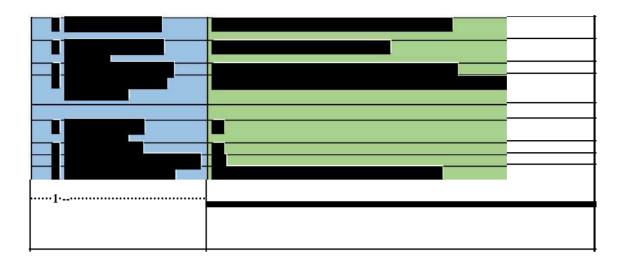
To: \$40(2)

Subject: Cadre handover [OFFICIAL SENSITIVEOPERATIONAL)

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Please find below the cadre handover from earlies to fates.



Chief Inspecto r 540

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W WestYorkshire Police | Operational Support | carr Gate/ Wakefield | WF2OQD

Personal Mob

From: CDIU MAILBOX

To: CDIU MAILBOX; \$40(2)

Sub ject: FW: Force Management Daily Log - 21/09/2020 [OFFCIAL]

**Date :** 21 September 2020 07:14:41

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From: westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk>

Sent: 21 September 2020 06:55

**To:** westyor kshire.pnn.police.uk> **Subject:** For ce Management Daily Log - 21/09/2020 [OFFICIAL]

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Colleagues,

Please find the FM DL report below.

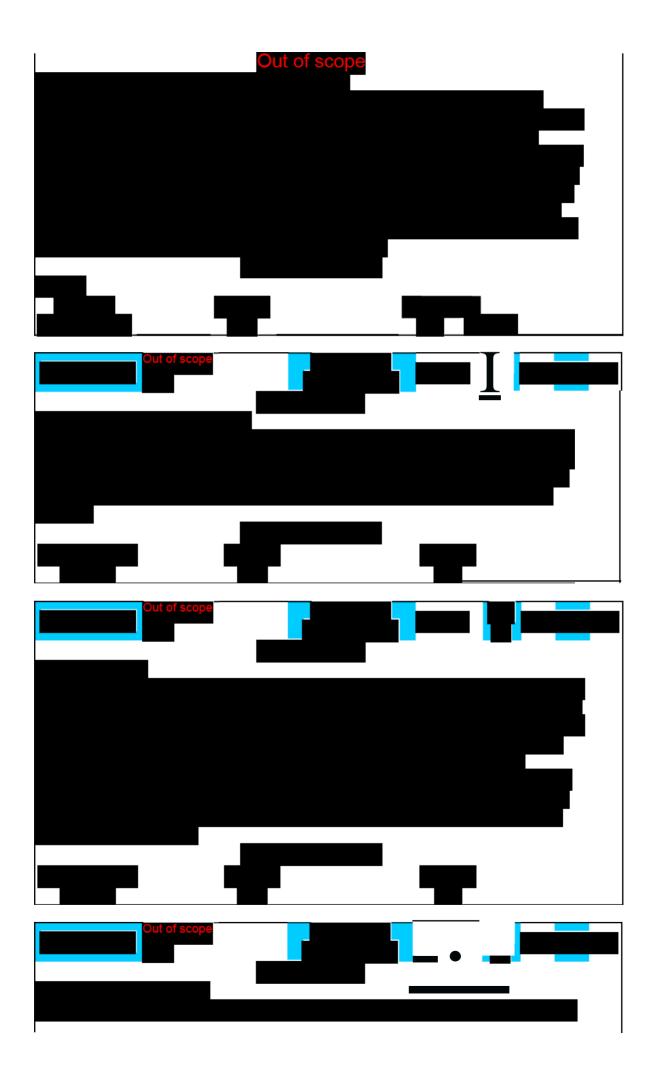
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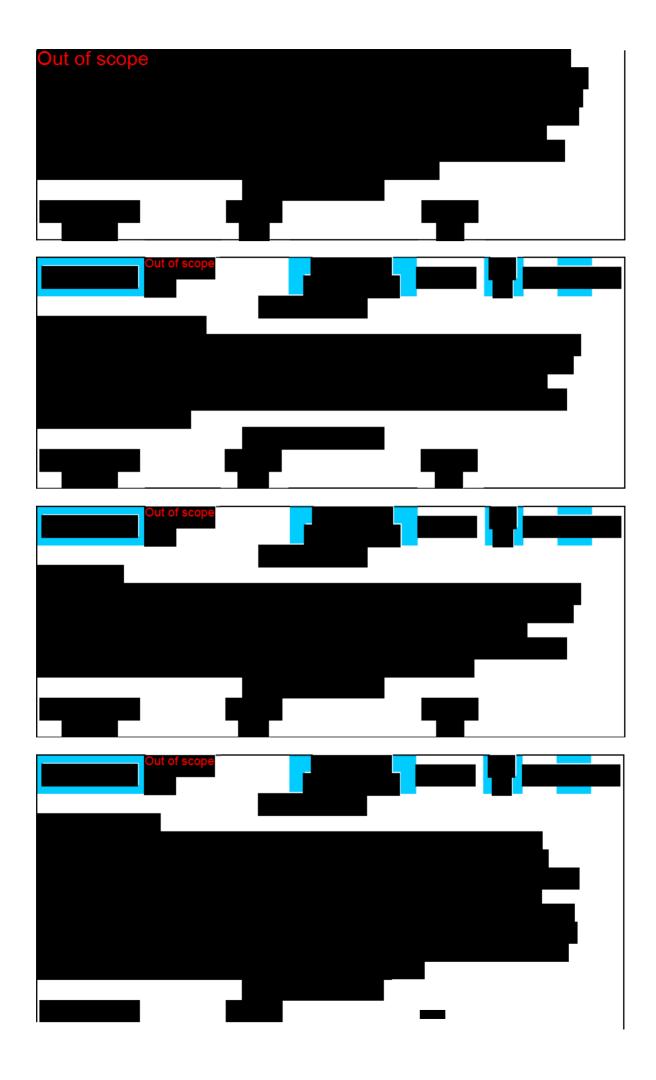
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# **Force Management Daily Log**

**Date Range:** 20 Sep 2020 0600 **to** 21 Sep 2020 0649













**Incident Details** 

Protest - (LD)

**Outstanding Actions** 

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From: S40(2)
To: S40(2)

**Subject:** FW: log \$30(1) [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

**Date:** 20 September 2020 01:13:00

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Morning Ma'am

S31(1)			
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Kind Regards

A/PS **S40(2)** 

Leeds City NPT - Team 3

Address: Leeds Central Police Station, Park Street, Leeds LS1 3BY

Email: S31(1) S40(2)

Internal: S31

Mobile: **S31(1)** 

From: **S40(2)** 

Sent: 19 September 2020 23:46

 $T_0: S40(2)$ 

**Subject:** RE: log \$30(1) [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Sir

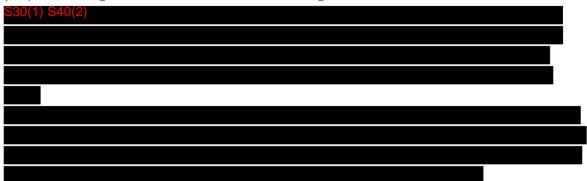
I have spoken to  $\frac{$40(2)}{}$  in relation to  $\log \frac{$30(1)}{}$ 

Standing for Women - 1230 hours 20/09/20 Victoria Gardens, Leeds

The call was to see if she would look at other alternatives such as an online demonstration to prevent any unnecessary risks people gathering in groups, I explained over the recent weeks we had engaged with numerous organisers for different events who decided to move the demonstration online to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, and with feedback from the various groups they had great support from their members/followers and were looking to do

more online events.

I went into detail of the surrounding areas in local lockdown along with the increased infection rate of 75 per 100,000 which is higher than some areas in lockdown and there was a real risk of people attending from low infection areas contracting the virus.



Not really getting anywhere the below was explained to her:

Police are not unsympathetic to her groups desire to protest in public.

However this is a public health issue and we should not be gathering in public.

Her group does not meet any of the exceptions in law that may allow them to gather in public.

As such police will be present at the location where they gather tomorrow and will immediately require the group to disperse.

If they do not disperse, £100 FPNs will be issued.

Those who do not give their details when requested for the purpose of an FPN will be arrested.

In response to the above, \$40(2) they have every right to hold the demonstration, I made it clear due to the safety of members of public and the public health issues that if they attended for the demonstration and didn't disperse when requested then FPNS would be issued along with a larger fine to the organiser.

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Kind Regards

A/PS **S40(2)** Leeds City NPT - Team 3

Address: Leeds Central Police Station, Park Street, Leeds LS1 3BY

Email: S31(1) S40(2)

Internal: S31(1) Mobile: **S31(1)**  From: **Sent:** 19 September 2020 21:06 To: Cc: **Subject:** log **S30(1)** [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL] Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL I've discussed this job with CI \$\frac{\$40(2)}{2}\$ who has given some top notch advice. has already called \$40(2) and explained the situation and the legislation. She remained adamant the event would go ahead. With your PLT head on would you cal \$\frac{\$40(2)}{}\$ back and give her the following message: Police are not unsympathetic to her groups desire to protest in public. However this is a public health issue and we should not be gathering in public. Her group does not meet any of the exceptions in law that may allow them to gather in public. As such police will be present at the location where they gather tomorrow and will immediately require the group to disperse. If they do not disperse, £100 FPNs will be issued. Those who do not give their details when requested for the purpose of an FPN will be arrested. I'm happy for you to suggest an online protest as an alternative. You need to inform Will you email me and Insp  $\frac{$40(2)}{}$  with the result of your conversation. Thanks

Inspector S40(2)
Neighbourhood Patrol Inspector
North East Leeds
Stainbeck Police Station

10 Stainbeck Lane Chapel Allerton

Leeds LS7 3QU

Internal: S3
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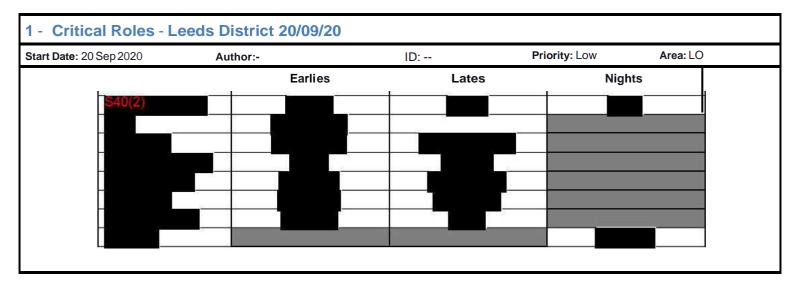
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### **Incidents of Note**





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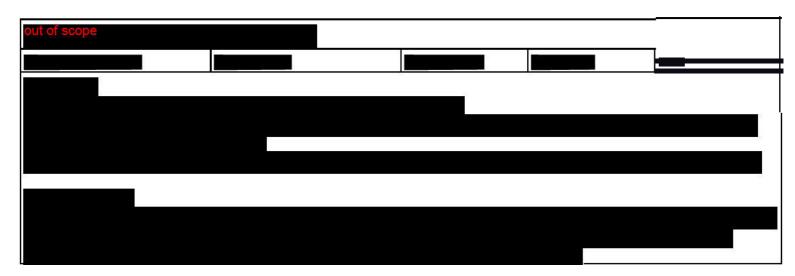
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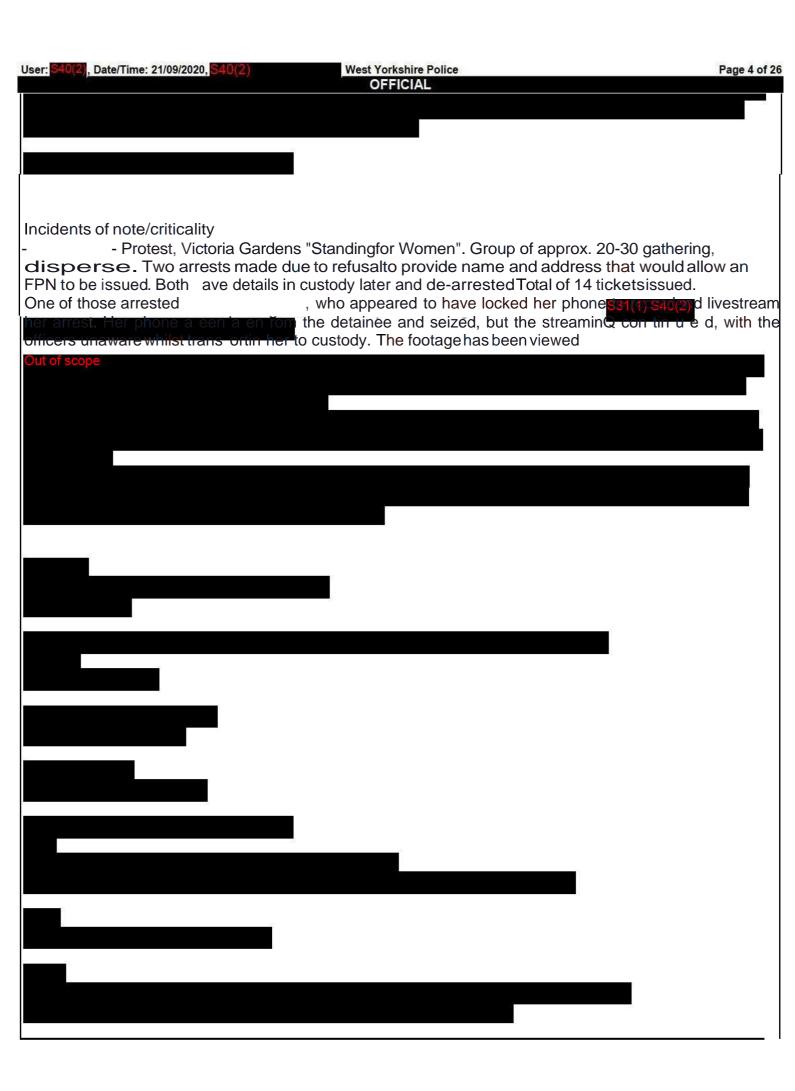
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From: To: Cc:

19/09/2020 [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL] Subject:

19 September 2020 20:18:00 Date:

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Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Sir, Ma'am,

Please see copy of intel ref \$30(1) in relation to tomorrows protests in the City Centre.

Officers spoke with a  $\frac{$40(2)}{}$ in relation to a protest she has organised for Sunday 12:30pm 20/09/2020 in relation to women's rights and reminding people of them.

The protest is to be held at Speakers Corner in Victoria Garden, Leeds City Centre.

was spoken with over the phone as she did not want to speak with officers at her house

It was pointed out very clearly to \$40(2) that she has put herself forward as the organiser of the event and that as such she would be liable for anything that happened and that she could be prosecuted under the Health Protection Regulations for organising such an event.

 $^{840}$ (2) stated the event would be in groups of no more than 6 people and there would be no moving between them, she stated there would be a contact trace system running and that she would have everyone's details for each group of 6. All persons present will be wearing masks.

\$40(2) is well aware of a counter protest arriving and despite this, is still wanting to go ahead with the event. She was urged to postpone the event and move it to a more suitable date and time given the current crisis. She will is more than willing to keep open a dialogue with officers and speak further in the morning.

I have submitted the intel as high

Regards



Woodhouse Lane

Team 3

Tel - S31(1)





From: S40(2)
To: S40(2)

 Subject:
 NPPF Hub 20/9/20 [OFFICIAL]

 Date:
 21 September 2020 19:39:52

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**Earlies** 20/9/20
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Abstractions/scenes etc – Leeds wide
Incidents of note/criticality Storm 530( – Protest, Victoria Gardens "Standing for Women". Group of approx. 20-30 gathering, refusing to disperse. Two arrests made due to refusal to provide name and address that would allow an FPN to be issued. Both gave details in custody later and de-arrested. Total of 14 tickets issued.
One of those arrested \$40(2) appeared to have locked her phone to record and livestream her arrest. Her phone had been taken from the detainee and seized, but the streaming continued, with the officers unaware whilst transporting her to custody. The footage
has been viewed S31(1) S40(2)
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Leeds District Command Hub, Elland Road, Leeds LS11 8BU



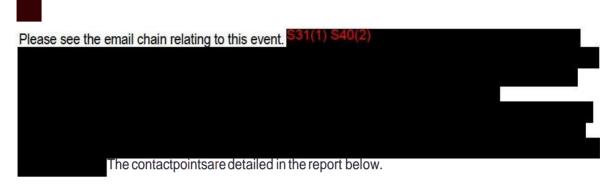
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To: \$40(2)
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Sub ject: PLT Tasking Standing Up for women protest [OFFICIAL] [OFFIO AL SENSIIIVE OPERATIONAL)

Date: 25 September 2020 10:34:50

Attachments: <u>iroaae001 ong</u>

Class ification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL



If you are unable to identify the officers having initial contact I believe that \$\frac{540(2)}{2}\$ will have full details. Please complete a report including the risk assessment and subnit this to \$\frac{540(2)}{2}\$ and the Gold mailbox to review If this is not dear please ring me on-

PS<sup>S40(2)</sup>

From: S40(2)

Sent: 25 September 2020 07:24

To: S40(2)

Cc: \$40(2)

**Subject:** RE: Standing Up for women protest [OFFICIAL] [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL



Thanks that's all good than ks.



If you look at the log numberrs you should be able to identify the organisers. S31(1)

Could you task someone to request a copy please S31(1)

Thanks



Superintendent-

#### **Leeds District**

#### **Superintendent Operations**

**⊠** Email: **S40(2)** 

Internal: S31(1) External: S31(1)

Mobile: **S31(1)** 

🖹 Address: Elland Road Police Station, Elland Road, Leeds, LS11 8BU

\*\* Website: <a href="https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk">www.westyorkshire.police.uk</a>

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### 'Making our communities safer and feel safer'





From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 24 September 2020 21:56

To: \$40(2)

**Subject:** RE: Standing Up for women protest [OFFICIAL] [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Sir,

We received 2 logs notifying us about the planned demo on 19<sup>th</sup> September, S30(1) They came in at 1148 hrs and 1822 hrs respectively.

I was late turn NPT cover. After both callers had been spoken and we had an idea of what was planned I rang CI  $\frac{840(2)}{40(2)}$  and discussed the matter.

I updated the log with his advice which I have to say I thought was excellent, and also had a PLT sergeant call back the organiser to give her the clear instructions he had recommended.

#### S31(1) S40(2)

Then I wrote the below note to Supt \$40(2) who was early turn pace to update her on what was planned and what had been done.

Hope this helps

#### S40(2)

From: **S40(2)** 

Sent: 19 September 2020 22:57

To: \$40(2)

Cc: \$40(2)

**Subject:** Planned Protest - Leeds City Centre - 1230 hrs Sunday 20th September 2020 - Logs of 19/9 [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Ma'am,

I believe you are PACE on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. S40(2) is early turn NPT cover and I am late NPT cover.

The two logs refer to a protest called "Standing for Women", that we believe has been organised a lady called  $\frac{$40(2)}{}$ . Her details are on  $\log^{\frac{60(1)}{}}$ 

The protest is to be held at Speakers Corner in Victoria Garden, Leeds City Centre at 1230 HRS. \$40(2) has been spoken with over the phone twice this evening, initially by a PC to gather information, and the second time by a PLT sergeant who was on duty.

In the first call she stated she was the organiser and had completed a full risk assessment. Protestors would be in groups of no more than 6 people and there would be no moving between them. She stated there would be a contact trace system running and that she would have everyone's details for each group of 6. All people present will be wearing masks. There would be less than 30 present.

# S31(1) S40(2)

She was urged to postpone the

event and move it to a more suitable date and time given the current crisis.

It was pointed out very clearly that she has put herself forward as the organiser of the event and that as such she will be liable for anything that happened and that she could be prosecuted under the Health Protection Regulations for organising such an event.

I discussed the matter with CI  $\frac{\text{S40(2)}}{\text{AV}}$  was then called a second time by PS at City NPT PLT and given the following information.

- Police are not unsympathetic to her group's desire to protest in public.
- However this is a public health issue and we should not be gathering in public.
- Her group does not meet any of the exceptions in law that may allow them to gather in public.
- As such police will be present at the location where they gather tomorrow and will immediately require the group to disperse.
- If they do not disperse, £100 FPNs will be issued.
- Those who do not give their details when requested for the purpose of an FPN will be arrested.

PS S40(2) also suggested an online protest as an alternative.

S40(2) then stated that in fact she was not the organiser, rather it was S40(2) who

was coming to speak.

Log  $^{\$30(1)}$  is a call from a member of the public who wanted to inform us that he had seen online that  $^{\$40(2)}$  , was coming to speak in Leeds on Sunday at Victoria Gardens  $^{\$31(1)}$   $^{\$40(2)}$ 

Suggested actions for the morning:

- Further research S31(1) to establish numbers attending S31(1)
- Further call to \$\frac{\$40(2)}{2}\$ to encourage her to cancel the event.
- S40(2) to ID a Sgt and 6 to be at Speakers Corner in Victoria gardens to disperse any protestors that arrive.

S40(2)

Inspector \$40(2)

Neighbourhood Patrol Inspector

North East Leeds

Stainbeck Police Station

10 Stainbeck Lane

Chapel Allerton

Leeds LS7 3QU

Internal: S31(1)
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Mobile: S31(1)

From: \$40(2)
To: \$40(2)
Cc: \$40(2)

Subject: RE: 2020-09-21 Op Talla Weekly Report WYP\_OS [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

**Date:** 23 September 2020 09:16:40

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Good morning \$40(

Please see the below updates, highlighted in red. Once I receive an correspondence from the districts regarding the ones with no update, I will forward these on.

Out of scope

Kind regards,

S40(2)

From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 22 September 2020 09:57

To: \$40(2)

Cc: S40(2)

**Subject:** RE: 2020-09-21 Op Talla Weekly Report WYP\_OS [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

Good Morning S40(2)

Thank you for your weekly return.

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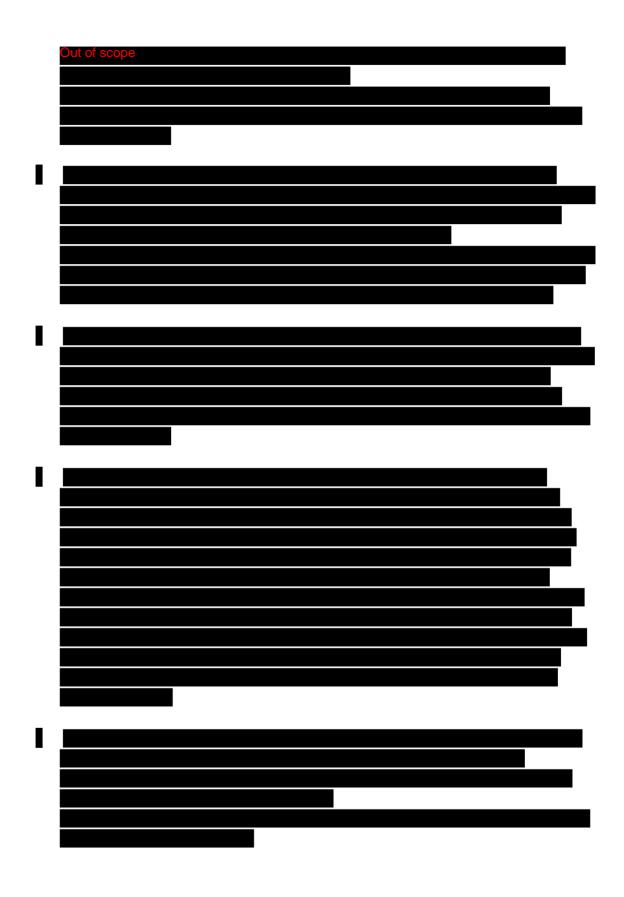
Thank you for your continued help

Kind Regards

**S40** 

Standing for Women in relation to the planned event that was to take place on 20/09/2020 at VICTORIA GARDEN, LEEDS CITY CENTRE. The event was centred around women's rights and reminding people of them. LEEDS RESISTERS@LeedsReSisters (Twitter) had also shown an interest in attending the event. The event went ahead as planned, after many efforts to get the organiser to cancel and do the demonstration online. The event began at 12:30 with 27 people present, they were advised and most dispersed with one arrested for failure to provide details. Leeds Resisters were live streaming the incident with the live stream coming from the female who had been arrested, the phone was locked so officers were unable to stop the recording. 30 protesters then reformed in Millennium Square at 13.24 hours with a further arrest for corona breach gathering and resisting arrest. Tensions diminished and the groups separated, there were no further speeches from around 13.50hrs. In total there were two arrests and one 50 minute video taken at the event, the video shows audio and video footage before the female is arrested and then just audio once the phone is put into a bag. S30(1)

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From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 21 September 2020 10:53

To: \$40(2)

Cc. S40(2)

Subject: 2020-09-21 Op Talla Weekly Report WYP\_OS [OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE OPERATIONAL

Good morning,

Please find attached this week's Op Talla report.

Kind regards,

#### S40(2)

Force Threat Desks, West Yorkshire Police.





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From: To: Subject: RE: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL] Date: 21 September 2020 07:58:18 **Attachments:** image001.png Classification: OFFICIAL Thanks for the clarification <sup>\$40(2)</sup> and understood, as you might imagine, not fully up to speed yet I think from a note I saw from \$40(2) at 09.30 **Corporate Services West Yorkshire Police** S31(1) Have you signed up yet for West Yorkshire Community Alerts? www.westyorkshire.police.uk From: \$40(2) **Sent:** 21 September 2020 07:56 **Subject:** RE: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL] Classification: OFFICIAL Morning S40(2) Welcome back! ☺ I was called about it \$31(1) the discussion was around the arrested organiser livestreaming audio from the back of the police van on her way into custody – I assessed that as low risk at the time and wasn't aware of any media attention.

Thanks, S40(2)

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From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 21 September 2020 07:45

To: \$40(2)

**Subject:** FW: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL

Morning S40(2)

As you may imagine, first day back I am wading through a serious email bundle.

I understand you have dealt with this over the weekend and am guessing you will be keeping a glad eye on it, should anything become an issue?  $\frac{$31(1) $40(2)}{}$ 

Thanks

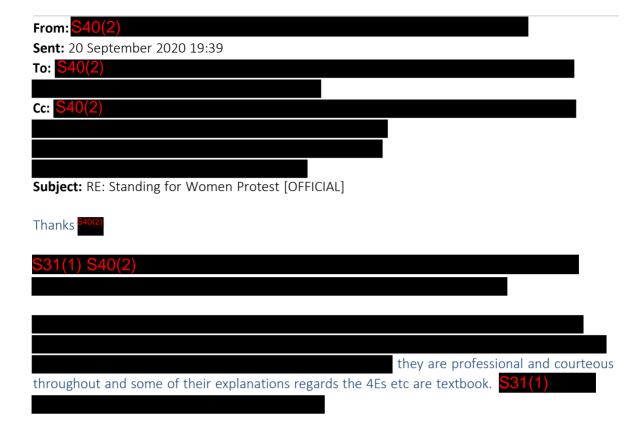
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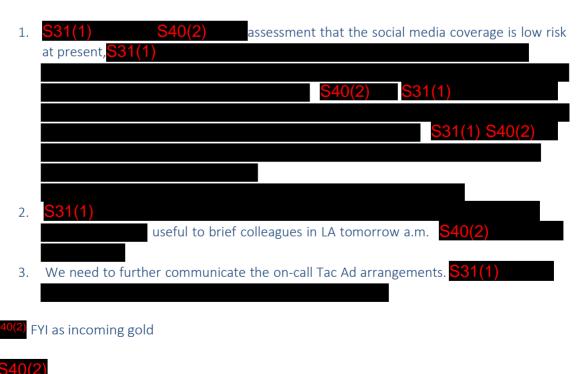
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I suppose there are three issues for me that come out of this:



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#### S40(2)

From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 20 September 2020 18:37

To: \$40(2)

Cc: S40(2)

**Subject:** FW: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL]

Ma'am / Sir,

I have now had chance to watch this footage and based on this and from speaking to the Sgt in charge on the ground third hand I can see why we have formed the opinion that this was a breach of Reg. 5 Restriction on Participating in a gathering of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No2) (England )Regulations \$31(1)

On the video the officers appear to be of the opinion that the protest isn't lawful because their movement doesn't fall under a 'political body'. The full definition is show below:

# A political body means -

- (i) a political party registered under <u>Part 2</u> of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, or
- (ii) a political campaigning organisation within the meaning of regulation 2 of the Health and Social Care (Financial Assistance) Regulations 2009;
- "political campaigning organisation" means any person carrying on, or proposing to carry on activities—
- (a) to promote, or oppose, changes in any law applicable in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, or any policy of a governmental or public authority (unless such activities are incidental to other activities carried on by that person), or
- (b) which could reasonably be regarded as intended to affect public support for a political party, or to influence voters in relation to any election or referendum (unless such activities are incidental to other activities carried on by that person);

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In terms of the full law around this subject, Reg. 5 states that it is an offence to participate in a gathering of more than 6 people anywhere unless one of the many exemptions apply. The exemption that is relevant in this case is 5(3)(i) which states that you **can have** a gathering of more than 6 people if the protest is organised by a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution, a public body, or political body **AND** the gathering organiser complies with paragraph 5(3)(g)

## 5(3)(g) states that the organiser:

has carried out a risk assessment which would satisfy the regulations of section 3 Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (A risk assessment identifying the risk as well as the control measure in place) **AND** 

have taken all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus taking into account the risk assessment + government advice, such as wearing of face coverings and washing hands for example.

In a nut shell from what I can see they didn't have a risk assessment and where not taking all reasonable measures to limit transmission therefore it would be a breach under this fact regardless of whether or not their movement was classed as a political body or not.

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We have a bitesize symposium running everyday next week at 12pm to go into more detail to all the other stuff that has gone out to officers and districts are in the process of providing separate training \$31(1)

### Kind Regards



# PC \$40(2)

**Lead Trainer Public Order Command** 

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From: **S40(2)** 

**Sent:** 20 September 2020 15:40

To: S40(2)

**Subject:** RE: Standing for Women Protest [OFFICIAL]

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Thanks <sup>S40(2)</sup> for the update.

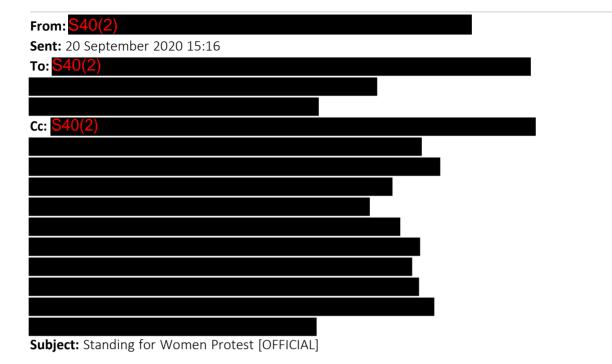
S40(2) Please note below, you don't appear to have been copied in...put your thoughts to below?

Thanks

S40(2)

Chief Superintendent
Head of SCGU / Investigations/Safeguarding Review
Mobile: \$31(1)





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Ma'am / Sir / \$40(2)

As per our discussions, today there was the Standing For Women Event in the city. This has been run on  $\log \frac{19}{9}$  of 19/9/20. The tactics were confirmed by CI  $\frac{340(2)}{10}$  last night and have been detailed in previous emails. PS  $\frac{340(2)}{10}$  was ground bronze for this and has done an excellent job.

At the time of writing all those that have attended have now left. NPT are providing passing attention and reassurance.

We have issued in the region of 12 tickets (this does not include those that were arrested). Three arrests have been made where Covid breaches have been identified and the suspects have refused to provide details. One of these individuals quickly provided details and was de-arrested.

The other failed to provide details and was transported to ER custody. This individual is \$40(2)

Having reviewed the custody record it appears that as soon as we could identify her as \$40(2)

then she has been released.

A short time after the arrest I was made aware by \$40(2) that \$40(2) was able to live stream her arrest and subsequent conversations in the police van. The officers were immediately informed and managed to turn off the broadcast. It appears as though she has been able to lock her phone whilst still streaming before giving it to officers. I can confirm that \$40(2) did not have the phone on her whilst on route to custody, this had been removed and was in a bag not in her possession.

The third arrest occurred about half an hour after the initial arrests, this was \$\frac{\$40(2)}{}\$ and she was

arrested fo r Part icipate in a gathering of more than 6 persons and Obstruct PC. Again she was arrested fo r fa iling to provide details follow the Covid breach but she has also been arrested for obstruct PC- detention was refused and this is being dealt with out of custody. There was a short spell of unrest after this arrest but this was quickly managed with district resources.

In addition, log. of today is a report from a member of public making us aware that the arrest was live streamed and that the female was cont inuing to stream whilst being transport ed to ER custody \$30(1) \$40(2)

We now have access to the live stream and this can be found at Ut.4 --- /www.youtube.com/watch v=ttvlHcPwzbl. I have reviewedthis footage and the main officer involved is PC S40(2). I can confirm that he is professional, reasonale and proportionate throughout the arrest. He has gone a ave and beyond to engage and try to resolve this without the need for arrest however.

A number of comments on

the live stream have commented how professional the officers have been. There is a summary transcript attached to this email.

I have discussed the above with the on call press officer \$40(2) the has all the above information and has deemed this to be low risk at this time. No action required at this time.

## S31(1) S40(2)

#### **Summary Transcript**

Kind Regards

From: \$40(2) To: \$40(2)

Subject: RE: standing for woman [OFFICIAL]

Date: 21 September 2020 11:59:49

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

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Hi



**Subject:** standing for woman [OFFICIAL]

Classification: OFFICIAL

#### Team,

I need to make you aware of a group called Standing For Women. The group are represented in the UK and USA and had a demonstration in Leeds over the weekend where there were several arrests. One of these arrests involved an activist who managed to keep her phone live streaming even though it had been locked and seized, whilst she was on her way to custody. The group are obviously pro-women but appear to be an anti-trans movement. The below is for your information which I have taken from their website, should we come across the group in the future.

# A brief history of how we got here and why this is important.

Back in 2004 the transexual population was very small and the legal framework within which they lived seemed a bit mean. It would not allow someone who was born male to be legally female, even people who had gone through an entire range of medical procedures to make them look like the opposite sex were not afforded legal status as the opposite sex. This meant when Janice, born male, went to work or used a public service they were vulnerable to being exposed as a male. This was considered unfair. The GRA2004 with checks and balances

sought to help transexuals change their birth certificates and legally recognised sex. Some call this a privacy law, some call this a law to enable deceit.

Fast forward to 2018 and the trans population has grown exponentially, there are many reasons for this. Trans no longer means transexual, it 's hard to say what exactly it does mean but supposedly most of us are "binary" and live according to sex based stereotypes. Most trans identifying males keep their penises. What is now proposed is that the checks and balances carefully crafted within the 2004 act are no longer needed according to trans activists. Campaigners for "trans rights" want anyone to have the ability to self identify as whatever sex that want, they also want to reduce the age that people can "change sex".

Leaving this legal monstrosity aside the practical danger that we are witnessing is an erosion of our rights as the biological sex of women. The first real indication of this is an erasure of meaningful language around girl and womanhood, these will have a direct impact on our rights and how we can operate in this world. Without language to describe us we really have no way to fight for ourselves.

Examples of the disappearance of female centred language:

Chest feeding not breastfeeding

Pregnant person not expectant mother

Cervical cancer literature for "anyone with a cervix" not women whilst testicular cancer is aimed at men.

Non men instead of women from the Green Party Women

# The Campaign

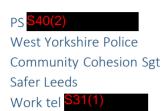
This campaign is to focus specifically on the word woman and other female language that clearly defines women and our rights. The purpose of this campaign is to raise funds for promoting the fight back to this global assault of women.

Throughout the legal framework of women's sex based rights and protections we use the word woman. It is essential that this word is retained to mean "adult human female" only. Without this word all of our rights and protections are lost

Our rights were never created for our gender but our sex. Our sex being female, the sex that bears children, the sex that requires maternity rights; privacy rights; equality with the male sex in the work place; specific health care issues; reproductive rights and so on. If our rights become dependent upon gender then they are no longer women's rights, they are "feminine" rights. Rather than just ask for donations for our campaign, we have a strategy to raise funds and consciousness whilst we do it! We have a range of merchandise

with profits going toward specific actions. We have sponsorship opportunities for all levels of participation.

# Regards







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To: \$40(2)
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Subject:RE: Twitter Summary [OFFICIAL]Date:21 September 2020 09:02:29

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Thanks <sup>540(2)</sup> as discussed Covid straight after morning meeting, so if you can let me know what I need to mention there as and when please



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**Sent:** 21 September 2020 08:57

**To:** S40(2)

Cc: \$40(2)

**Subject:** RE: Twitter Summary [OFFICIAL]

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Thanks \$40(2) – yes, fully aware and dealing...

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2608 mentions is off the scale **S31(1) S40(2)** 

Not sure if we're already aware, but it seems to be this: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a>
<a href="mailto:time">time</a> continue=118&v=37xGXaK3pqA&feature=emb\_title</a>

540(2) not sure if you've had it? Arrested some women in Leeds, trying to find out what for. Might be coming your way if media pick up on it.

Thanks, \$40(2)

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**Sent:** 21 September 2020 07:08

To: \$40(2)

Cc: S40(2)

**Subject:** Twitter Summary [OFFICIAL]

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In the last 24 hours...the Force issued 13 tweets which reached a potential 3.7m Twitter accounts, generated a total of 584 retweets and 2608 mentions.

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

@WestYorksPo lice

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68 Retweets

15 Likes

### **Top Mention**

# 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Dr EM @PankhurstEM

So Posie has been arrested for standing for women's sex based rights in Leeda by West Yorkshire Police. #Posie

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Kind regards,



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 Subject:
 Storm 0757 of 19/9/20 - Possible Protest, Leeds City Centre Sunday 20/9/20 [OFFICIAL]

 Date:
 19 September 2020 14:30:48

Classification: OFFICIAL

Ma'am, Sir,

Just an early warning of a further possible protest that we've been made aware of for Sunday. Log 550(1) of 19/9 refers, with the group "Standing for Women" reporting plans to gather at 1230hrs in Leeds City Centre to gather funds and protect their human rights as women.



We'll keep monitoring the log for further information to assist in advance planning. I have tried ringing back the caller to police,  $\frac{$40(2)}{}$  to get more information and set out the result of similar protests today being several arrests. If I can't make direct contact today, I'll ask the Hub or NPT (Inner West) to contact her later.

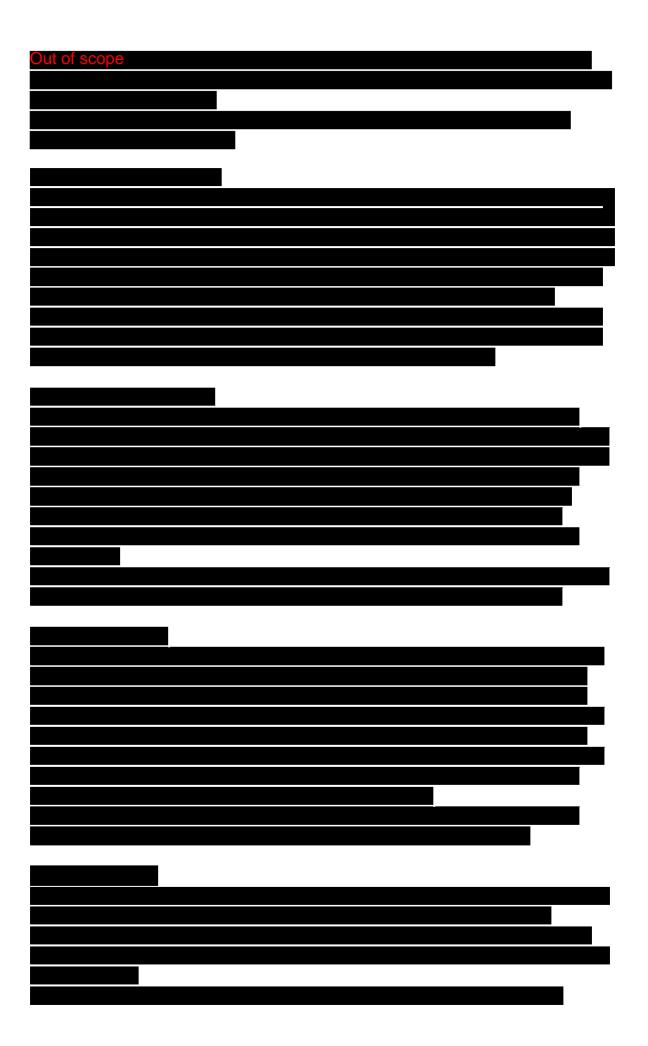
Many thanks

# S40(2)

Temporary Inspector \$\frac{\$40(2)}{2}\$
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Mobile: S31(1)
 email: S40(2)

From:	S40(2)
To: Subject:	S40(2) weekender
Date:	20 September 2020 20:03:58
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#### Log - Protest (LO)

Pre-- ed protest occurred on Victoria Gardens, Leeds by a group called Leeds ReSisters holding the event called Standing For Women. A tactical plan was developed by Cl- on 19/09/20.

During the event, which is dealt with by NH off icers, the officers feel that covid regulations were breached and this resulted in 12 penalty noticed being issued, and three arrests being made. One of the arrests was de-arrested when details were given to allow a penalty notice being issued, but two were taken to custody, \$40(2) . The speeches and arrests were streamed on Facebookand YouTube. This consists of around 45 mins of footage. Main speaker/organiser is \$40(2) . Pretty active on social media re all things women's rights/t rans etc.

I have viewed it and the officershave dealt with the whole thing professionally and courteously thro ughout, \$31(1) \$40(2)

When I was briefed, I asked to assess as duty Tac Ad. A separate and detailed email has been copied to-incoming Gold with some tasks set for various people for tomo rrow including a briefing into the LA.

There is quite a bit on social media, but contained to the people who follow-

similar, but I do think it may get picked up tomorrow and comparisons made re other bigger protests being 'allowed'. Press office are aware and have been monitoring.

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If there is anything else later on of significance, I will let you know. Tricky day.

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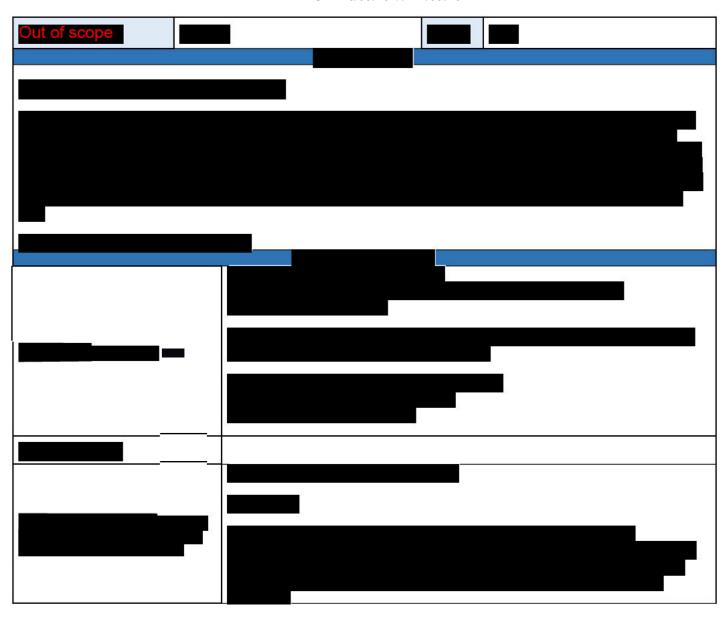
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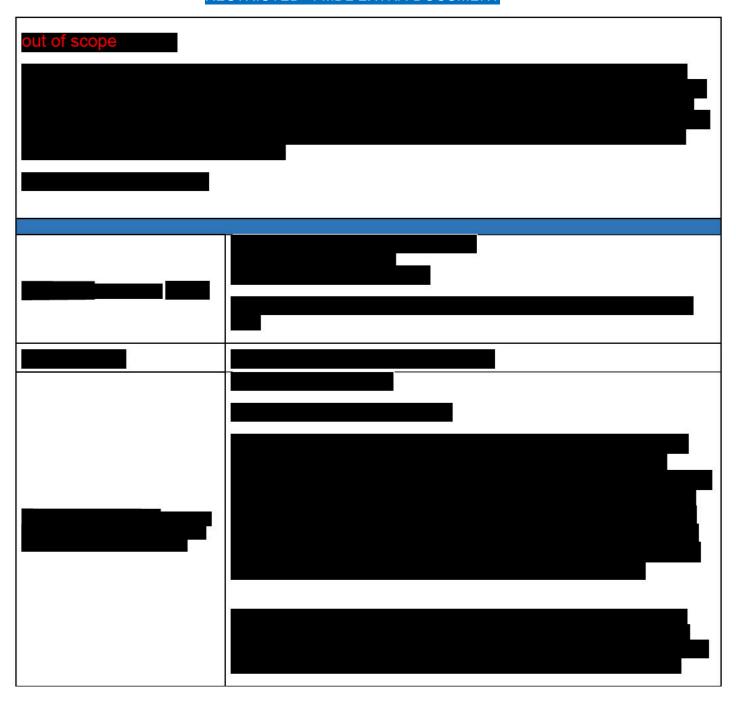
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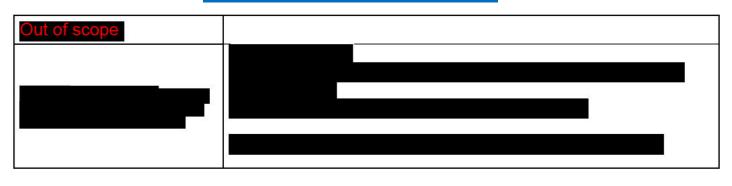




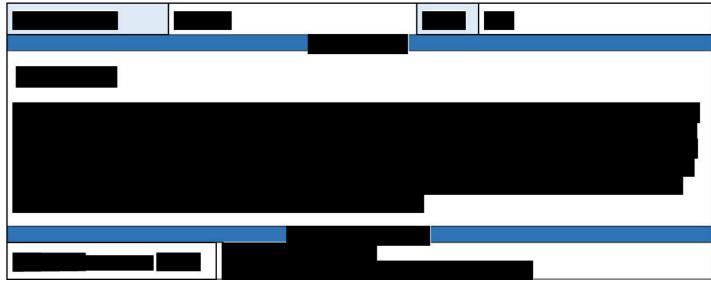
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# Monday, 21st September 2020

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