

# Stakeholder Update

## September 2022

As we approach the ten-year anniversary of the publication of the Hillsborough Independent Panel (HIP) Report on 12 September 2012, we are writing to acknowledge the significance of the outcome of the Panel’s findings.

The ground-breaking work of the HIP led to the High Court quashing the original inquest verdicts, the ordering of new inquests, and separately led to the launch of the IOPC (the then IPCC) and Operation Resolve investigations into the full circumstances of the disaster.

We feel that this is an appropriate time to reflect on the key milestones that have followed the publication of the HIP Report.

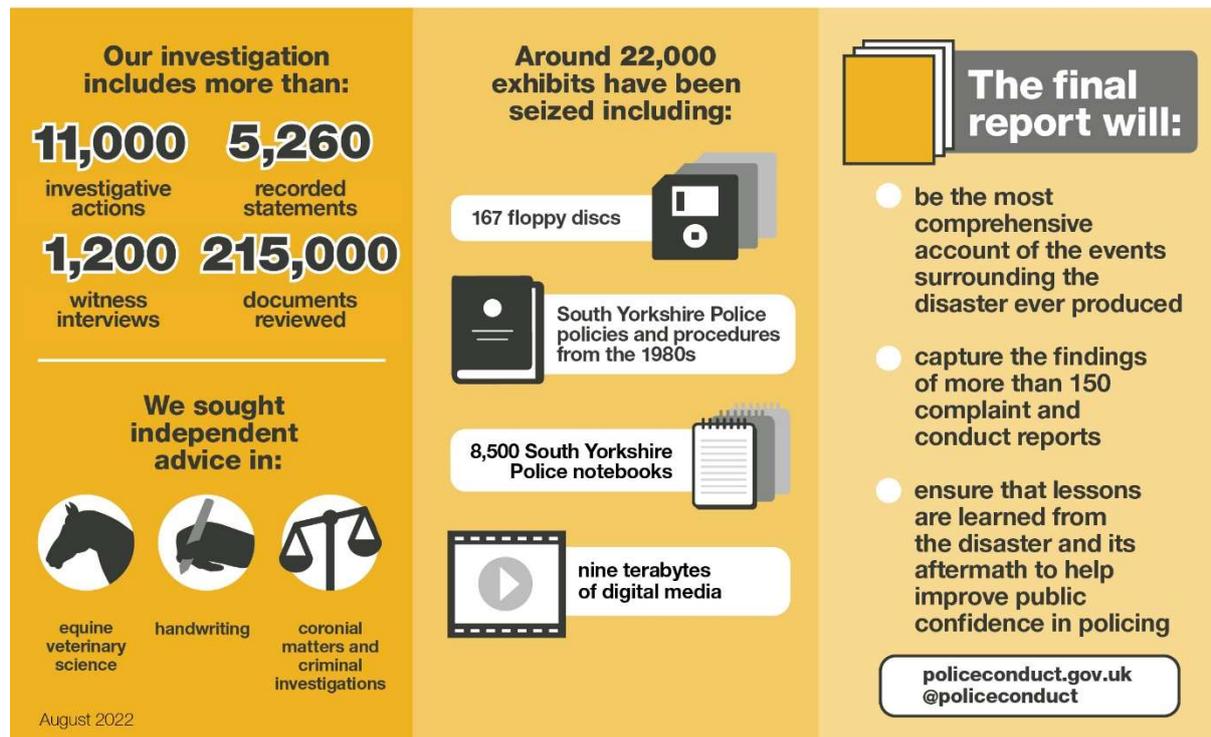
You will see in the timeline below that there have been key events that have understandably taken significant periods of time to conclude since the publication of the report:

## Post-HIP timeline



Our independent investigation was launched in October 2012 and is the largest investigation into police misconduct and alleged criminality ever carried out in England and Wales. We have been, and continue to be, determined to carry out a thorough and robust investigation. The graphic below gives you a sense of the scale of our investigation:

## The Hillsborough investigation



As you can see, we have seized a wealth of exhibits, such as nine terabytes of digital media—this is of a similar size to the information that could be contained on 13,000 computer discs. The graphic does not, however, include the many thousands of actions raised, and thousands of statements taken by Operation Resolve, nor the significant work undertaken by them in analysing all the audio-visual footage and in supporting the coroner during the Inquests.

In future updates, we will provide you with more detailed breakdowns of facts and figures that will give you a greater insight into the work of the investigations, including the number of decisions made by the Hillsborough Decision Maker.

The final report currently stands at around 2,000 pages and will cover all the investigative work carried out by the IOPC and Operation Resolve. It will be split into 25 chapters that cover all of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the investigations (please note the number of pages and chapters may be subject to change). We will ensure that the many questions that families, complainants, survivors, and other key stakeholders have asked about police actions will be answered throughout the report.

We do recognise that there is frustration at the time it is taking to reach the publication of the Hillsborough investigation final report, however, as we have said above, we are determined to carry out a thorough and robust investigation. As part of this, as you will know from previous updates, we are applying the Salmon process to our investigation. The Salmon process allows any individuals and/or organisations criticised in the report an opportunity to respond if they have not previously done so. If we did not apply this process, we could face legal challenges, which could cause delays (or hamper) the publication of the final report. It is imperative we get things right first time.

We have advised you that we estimate that the Salmon process will begin early in 2023 and, while we cannot be any more precise about how long the process may take at this stage, we will of course provide you with progress updates.

As we have previously told you, we keep our ToR under constant review. We have now updated the ToR to include some specific conduct matters relating to former WMP Assistant Chief Constable Mervyn Jones. A copy of the revised ToR is available on the Hillsborough section of the IOPC website (at [www.policeconduct.gov.uk/hillsborough](http://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/hillsborough)).

We will of course keep you updated on all aspects of the Hillsborough investigation and final report as soon as we are in a position to do so.

To find out more about our work or to request this report in an alternative format, you can contact us in a number of ways:

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