

## Op Covina - Statement from Ms Heidi Yates [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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D/Superintendent Moller,

As discussed, the investigation team continue to review material obtained during Operation Covina and wish to seek your consideration for a witness statement to be obtained from Ms Heidi Yates.

During the initial stages of the investigation, Ms Yates was not identified to be a disclosure witness however, since that time Ms Yates has been a conduit between the investigation team and Ms Higgins. Ms Yates has been present for a number of meetings between the investigation team and Ms Higgins, in particular a meeting in which yourself and D/Inspector Boorman met with Ms Higgins at which time she provided information that is relevant to the matter currently before Court. Ms Yates will be able to offer corroborative, and independent evidence in relation to this meeting, as well as any relevant disclosures Ms Higgins may have made to Ms Yates over the past several months.

If supported, could I please request your assistance in facilitating our obtaining a statement from Ms Yates. Detective Senior Constable Madders and I will both be available between 15-17 September 2021.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
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