Assistant Solicitor to the Inquiry





Mr Alasdair MacLeod Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

By email only:

29 August 2023

Dear Mr MacLeod

## **RULE 8 REQUEST**

I am writing on behalf of the Chair to the Sheku Bayoh Public Inquiry ("the Inquiry").

The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service ("COPFS") have written to us to confirm your preference for your statement to be prepared under Rule 8 procedure.

Under <u>Section 21(2)(a) of the Inquiries Act 2005</u> the Chair may, by notice, require a person to provide evidence in the form of a written statement. <u>Rule 8 of The Inquiries</u> (Scotland) Rules 2007, provides that the Inquiry may send a written request to any person for a written statement of evidence. I hereby request you provide a written statement to the Inquiry by **5pm on 26 September 2023**.

It is a criminal offence to fail to comply with this request without reasonable excuse. I refer you to <u>Section 35(1) of the Inquiries Act 2005</u>.

The Annex to this letter sets out the areas to be covered in your written statement. The documents for you to read referred to in the Annex will be available on our online database "Objective Connect". A link for you to access this system will be emailed to you separately.

Please provide your written statement by email to

Section 22(1)(a) of the Inquiries Act 2005 states that a person may not be required, under section 21, to give, produce or provide any evidence or document if you could

not be required to do so if the proceedings of the Inquiry were civil proceedings in a court. If you are of the view that Section 22 applies to your evidence please advise the Inquiry of this and the reasons why you believe Section 22 applies.

Your statement may be disclosed to the Core Participants in the Inquiry and may be published on the Inquiry's website. Any personal information not relevant to your evidence will be redacted prior to disclosure.

The Inquiry may issue a further Rule 8 request or Section 21 notice to you at a later date if further evidence is required.

The written statement will form part of the evidence of the Inquiry. For that reason it is important that it is in your own words. In addition, you may be asked to attend a hearing to give oral evidence to the Inquiry. The Inquiry will contact you in future to confirm.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the content of your written statement please contact the legal team by email at the statement of your written statement of your written statement please contact the legal team by email at the statement of your written statement of your written statement please contact the legal team by email at the statement of your written statement of your written statement please contact the legal team by email at the statement of your written statement of your written statement please contact the legal team by email at the statement of your written statement of your written statement of your written statement please contact the legal team by email at the statement of your written statement of your written statement please contact the statement please contact th

Yours sincerely

# ANNEX

## **COPFS PIM**

## AREAS FOR WITNESS STATEMENT

### MR ALASDAIR MACLEOD

Please provide your full name, date of birth, personal or business address.

Please provide as much detail as you can in relation to each of the following questions. Please mark on your statement the number of which paragraph of questions you are answering.

If you refer to any document in preparing your statement, please provide a brief description of the document and which page you have referred to.

The Crown Precognition has not been shared with you and your involvement in the drafting of the Crown Precognition may be requested at a later date.

#### Role and experience

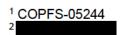
- 1. What were your grade and position in COPFS during your involvement in the (Crown directed) PIRC investigation into the death of Sheku Bayoh ("the Investigation") and subsequent COPFS Precognition process ("the Precognition")? How long had you been in this position prior to the date you became involved? What were your duties and responsibilities in this position?
- 2. When did you first become involved in the Investigation? What were the circumstances in which you became involved?
- 3. What do you understand to be COPFS' role in the investigation of sudden, suspicious, accidental and unexpected deaths in Scotland as of the date you became involved? What do you understand COPFS' duties and responsibilities to be in this regard?
- 4. Prior to the date you became involved, what experience did you have in investigations of deaths in police custody, or deaths during or following police contact? Please provide details and the outcome of the cases. Was race a factor to consider in any of these cases?
- 5. Prior to your involvement, what experience did you have in relation to family liaison in deaths cases? Was race a factor to consider in family liaison in any of these cases? If so, please provide examples.

<u>PIRC</u>

- 6. What experience did you have in dealing with PIRC prior to the date you became involved in the Investigation and Precognition?
- 7. What was your understanding of PIRC's role in the Investigation and Precognition?
- 8. In your understanding, was PIRC being directed to investigate Mr Bayoh's death under Section 33A(b)(i) or (ii) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006? What are the differences, if any, in COPFS' dealings with PIRC between investigations carried out under part (i) compared to (ii) of this section?
- 9. Were you aware if any further instruction was given to PIRC in the course of your involvement in the Investigation? If so, why did this occur?
- 10. What is your understanding of COPFS' role in relation to PIRC's investigation? For example, are COPFS supervising PIRC?
- 11. How are decisions and instructions communicated to PIRC? Please explain your involvement in this during the Investigation.
- 12. How would you normally go about answering PIRC's questions and providing advice? What, if any, involvement did you have in assisting PIRC with their questions and providing advice?
- 13. In your view, were PIRC's instructions sufficient for them to investigate and report on all relevant matters to COPFS? If not, what could have been done differently and why?

## Family liaison

- 14. What is your understanding of COPFS' role in liaison with the deceased's family in deaths cases? How does COPFS' role interact with the role of Police Scotland and PIRC in family liaison?
- 15. What, if any, duties or responsibilities do COPFS have to the deceased's family during the course of a PIRC investigation? What duties or responsibilities do COPFS have to the deceased's family during the Precognition process? How were these duties or responsibilities fulfilled? Was there a handover of family liaison from PIRC to COPFS? Please include an explanation of the notes at pages 104 and 105 of your notebook.<sup>1</sup>
- 16. What involvement, if any, did you have in family liaison in the Investigation?





- 19. Insofar as not covered above, did you have any dealings with the Lord Advocate during the course of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition? Did you have any involvement in meetings between the Lord Advocate and Mr Bayoh's family? If so, what was the outcome of these meetings and what was your understanding of what the Lord Advocate, and COPFS, had undertaken to do?
- 20. What is your understanding of the role of COPFS' Victim Information and Advice service ("VIA") in family liaison in a death investigation? Are you aware if VIA was used in the Investigation? Insofar as you are aware, what was the basis for VIA involvement or non-involvement in the Investigation and Precognition?

## Ingathering of evidence and analysis

- 21. Prior to when you were involved in the Investigation and Precognition, were you aware of Mr Bayoh's death from the media or word of mouth? If so, what was your understanding of the circumstances in which Mr Bayoh died?
- 22. After you first became involved in the Investigation and Precognition, what description of the events leading up to and including Mr Bayoh's death was explained to you? When and how was this information provided to you?
- 23. Over the course of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, in what ways, if any, did your understanding of the circumstances of Mr Bayoh's death change from the information initially provided to you?



- 24. What, if any, consideration did you give to there being a Fatal Accident Inquiry ("FAI") at the conclusion of the Investigation and Precognition? Did you consider that any FAI would have been mandatory in terms of s1(1)(a)(ii) of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976? Please explain your reasoning. If you did not consider the criteria for a mandatory FAI were met, what consideration was given to a discretionary FAI in terms of s1(1)(b)? Was anything done in the Investigation and Precognition to prepare for an FAI? Who took the decision not to hold a FAI? Please explain the entry "Collette FAI" on page 10 of your notebook.<sup>5</sup>
- 25. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to the response officers' accounts, including reference to any contradictions you identified between the accounts and the officers' credibility and reliability. Please explain the notes you have made at pages 2 and 3 of your notebook<sup>6</sup> with the heading: "*Paton + Walker. Thoughts of officers en route*". Please explain the notes at page 43 of your notebook<sup>7</sup> relating to the accounts of the officers and civilian witnesses relating to the restraint. What is the significance of these accounts of Mr Bayoh's body position during the restraint?
- 26. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to Mr Kevin Nelson's account, including your understanding of his explanation that he did not see the engagement between Mr Bayoh and the officers. Please include reference to your preparation, strategy and lines of questioning in the interview of Mr Nelson that took place on 6 October 2016.<sup>8</sup> Was Mr Nelson asked to comment on the specifics of the details of the incident from the officers' statements in relation to a stamp by Mr Bayoh on PC Nicole Short?
- 27. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to the accounts of APS Scott Maxwell, PC Ashley Tomlinson and PC Craig Walker regarding the purported stamp on PC Nicole Short by Mr Bayoh, including any the extent to which relevant Airwave transmissions were considered.
- 28. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to Ms Wyse' account and related information, including her mobile telephone data and in particular her text messages. Please include reference to your preparation, strategy and lines of questioning in the interview of Ms Wyse that took place on 4 October 2016.<sup>9</sup>
- 29. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to PC Short's vest, including the dark marks on it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> COPFS-05247

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> COPFS-05247

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> COPFS-05246

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Mr Nelson's precognition statement (COPFS-00055).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Ms Wyse' precognition statement (COPFS-00047).

- 30. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to biological samples taken from Mr Bayoh's body, including toxicologist expert opinion.
- 31. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to any belongings seized from Ms Collette Bell, Mr Zahid Saeed, Mr Martyn Dick and Ms Kirsty MacLeod, including the legal basis for their retention.
- 32. Please explain your involvement, if any, in considering if any of the actions of officers and civilian staff relating to searches of Mr Bayoh and Mr Aamer Anwar in police databases. What was your understanding of any benefit to the police investigation and the legality of carrying out a police database search in respect of a legal representative of a deceased person's family and, separately, the justification in recording intelligence relating to Mr Anwar under a counterterrorism category. How did COPFS take these matters forward, if at all?
- 33. Please explain your involvement, if any, in preparing and commissioning the multimedia presentation.
- 34. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing statistical data relevant to the issues in the Investigation and Precognition.
- 35. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to training of the officers, including the relevance of this information to investigating any potential offences by Police Scotland.
- 36. Please explain your involvement, if any, in ingathering and analysing evidence in relation to the extent to which race was a factor in the actions of the police officers engaging Mr Bayoh, including your comment on the relevancy of this issue to the Investigation and Precognition. Was race considered in relation to which offences to investigate? Was race considered as an aggravating factor in the offence?
- 37. Did you convey the analysis of all these areas to Crown Counsel? What was the response? Did you receive any advice or guidance from Crown Counsel and take further action accordingly?
- 38. To what extent was race a factor in your analysis of the actions of the police officers? In your view, was this sufficient to inform Crown Counsel of the impact, if any, that Mr Bayoh's race had on the actions of the police officers who engaged him?
- 39. Do you recall instances when the family and their legal representatives had proposed or suggested lines of investigation or witnesses to the Investigation and Precognition? Do you recall those being taken forward?

- 40. Please explain the notes at page 101 of your notebook<sup>10</sup> with the heading "*Trickett*" and referring to the PIM Log. Please explain the notes at page 2 of your notebook<sup>11</sup> with the heading "*CI Conrad Trickett*". Please explain the notes at pages 2 and 5 of your notebook<sup>12</sup> which includes "*Anything in Trickett's PIM Log... Why he did not obtain basic facts.*" What is the relevancy of these issues to the Investigation and Precognition?
- 41. Please explain the notes at pages 57 and 58 of your notebook<sup>13</sup> which includes the form of words of the death message given to Mr Bayoh's family. What is the relevancy of this to the Investigation and Precognition?
- 42. Please explain the notes at pages 69 and 70 of your notebook<sup>14</sup> relating to Police Scotland's Use of Force SOP. Did your analysis of the officers' actions take account of this SOP and all the points you set out in your notes? With reference to your email<sup>15</sup> request to Mr William Little of PIRC to obtain a statement from someone on the Police Scotland OST course to understand if the Use of Force SOP was incorporated into the training, was this matter ever resolved?

#### Learning from other investigations

- 43. Prior to and during your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, what awareness did you have of investigations by the police and/or the CPS into race in England and Wales? What learning did you derive from these investigations? Did anything you learn from these investigations result in any change in approach to your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition compared with your involvement in prior investigations?
- 44.
- 45. Insofar as not covered above, during your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, to what extent did you consider the investigation into the death of Mr Sean Rigg in assessing the actions of the police officers? During the course of the Investigation and Precognition or prior, did you read the report of the Independent Review of the IPCC investigation into the death of Mr Rigg?<sup>17</sup> If so, at the time you read it, what did you understand to be the issues and learning for the IPCC and CPS resulting from this Review? What did you understand to be the importance of race in issues raised? How did

- <sup>12</sup> COPFS-05251
- <sup>13</sup> COPFS-05247
- <sup>14</sup> COPFS-05247
- <sup>15</sup> PIRC-01914

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> COPFS-05246

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> COPFS-05248

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> COPFS-02526(a)

you apply any of these considerations and learning to your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition?

- 46. Insofar as not covered above, to what extent did you consider the approach of the CPS cases of deaths in custody or during or following contact with the police in which restraint was used? What were you interested in understanding or learning from the approach of CPS?
  - 47. During the course of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition did you read the Report of the Independent Review of Deaths and Serious Incidents in Police Custody dated January 2017, chaired by Dame Elish Angiolini? If so, what lessons did you learn from the findings of this report? Please include reference to your notes at page 27 of your notebook<sup>18</sup> and how these points were addressed in the Investigation and Precognition.

#### Forensic examination

- 48. What is your understanding of the role of COPFS in relation to SPA Forensics' involvement in the Investigation and Precognition? What is normal practice in involving PIRC in the instruction and findings of SPA Forensics?
- 49. Did you provide any instructions to SPA Forensics in relation to the incident in which Mr Bayoh died? Please provide full details and the rationale for these instructions. Did you seek any input from PIRC for these instructions? Did you notify PIRC of the terms of these instructions? Did you share SPA Forensics' findings with PIRC? Please confirm the basis for any departures from normal practice.
- 50. Were you involved in the direction of SPA Forensics relating to the forensic analysis of PC Short's vest? Were you aware of the reason for the fingerprint testing being was carried out?
- 51. The Inquiry instructed a tread mark expert, Mr Paul Ryder. Mr Ryder in his report relating to the vest of PC Short explained:

28. ... There was black staining to the plastic-coated aspects of the reflective strips and to the police badge on the rear of the vest. I understand that this staining was a result of treating these parts of the vest with a black powder suspension with a view to developing any fingerprints that might be present. As a consequence of this treatment being applied as a liquid and then having to be removed by a washing process, parts of the yellow fluorescent fabric adjacent to the treated areas have been stained black. This includes the part of the vest on which the dark deposits had been observed.

29. From reference to the production PIRC-01176 provided to me it was observed that this staining from the fingerprint treatment had

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> COPFS-05246

obscured parts of the dark staining that had originally been present on this vest.<sup>19</sup>

Were you aware that the fingerprint testing by SPA Forensics may hinder further forensic analysis being carried out on the vest? Was this a concern for you or, as far as you were aware, any of your colleagues?

#### Expert witnesses

- 52. What involvement, if any, did you have in the instruction of expert witnesses? Please include your involvement in the instruction of experts by both PIRC and COPFS separately. Please include your involvement in the following aspects of the instruction:
  - (i) the choice of experts,
  - (ii) preparation of the letters of instruction, and
  - (iii) the information and documentation provided to experts to assist in framing their opinion.
- 53. What involvement did you have, if any, in consulting with expert witnesses? What was the purpose and outcome of each of these consultations?<sup>20</sup> Pages 2 to 11 of your notebook<sup>21</sup> appear to be a note of a consultation with Mr Graves on 21 March 2018, is this correct? Please explain the notes that you have taken, the lines of questions that were asked and the outcomes of the consultation.
- 54. Insofar as not covered above, please explain the notes at pages 3 to 9 of your notebook.<sup>22</sup> Please include an explanation of what was discussed regarding Dr Karch's opinion.
- 55. What, if any, analysis did you conduct in respect of the expert witness evidence? What was the outcome of this analysis? Was anything done in light of your analysis?
- 56. At the point the case was reported to Crown Counsel, were you satisfied with the expert evidence? Did you have concerns regarding any of the expert evidence? Did you make Crown Counsel aware of your views?
- 57.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> SBPI-00171 at page 9. Please note this report has not been shared with you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See COPFS-02332.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> COPFS-05202

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> COPFS-05245

## The Health and Safety Executive ("HSE")

- 58. Prior to your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, what experience did you have in investigations involving HSE?
- 59. In what circumstances would COPFS normally invite the involvement of HSE?
- 60. What involvement, if any, did you have in liaison with HSE? Why did COPFS request their involvement? What benefit would HSE have provided to the Investigation and Precognition?
- 61. What was the outcome of COPFS' liaison with HSE in the Investigation and Precognition and why? How did this impact the Investigation and Precognition?
- 62. Did the outcome of liaison with HSE affect the quality of the reporting of the case to Crown Counsel? Was this raised with Crown Counsel and, if so, what advice was given and what further actions taken?
- 63. Insofar as not already covered above, please explain your notes relating to the *"H+S investigation"* on page 84 of your notebook.<sup>24</sup>

## European Convention on Human Rights ("ECHR")

- 64. During the Investigation and Precognition, were you involved in discussions in any form relating to COPFS' obligations under Articles 2 and 14 of the ECHR in respect of Mr Bayoh and his family? If so, what was your understanding of these obligations and how, if at all, did this affect your involvement in the Investigation?
- 65. To what extent was Article 2 of the ECHR considered in respect of the duties of Police Scotland and PIRC? Please explain the notes at page 73 of your notebook<sup>25</sup> including the following excerpt: "Article 2 – Question of investigation into investigation." Please explain the reference to Article 2 on page 10 of your notebook.<sup>26</sup>

## Media engagement

- 66. Were you following the media reporting of the matter? To what extent, if any, was your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition influenced by what was reported in the media? Were you aware if any of your colleagues or the Investigation and Precognition generally were influenced by what was reported in the media?
- 67. What involvement did you have, if any, in COPFS' media engagement? This may include discussing media lines with colleagues, liaison with the COPFS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> COPFS-05246

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> COPFS-05246

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> COPFS-05247

media department, direct contact with the media or providing information to colleagues dealing with the media.

- 68. To what extent, if any, did you rely upon Dr Karch's opinion in order to form conclusions of Mr Bayoh's cause of death. Please read the comments attributed to Dr Karch reported in the Sun newspaper on 1 November 2015.<sup>27</sup> Were you aware of these comments during the course of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition? What impact did these comments have on Dr Karch's status in the Investigation and Precognition? Were You or your colleagues may have had?
- 69. Were you aware of the Mail on Sunday newspaper article reporting the decision of COPFS being not to prosecute any of the officers, prior to Mr Bayoh's family being informed? Were you aware of, and/or did you have any involvement in, any internal investigation within COPFS into the source of the Mail on Sunday's article?
- 70. Please explain your notes at pages 63 to 65 of your notebook<sup>28</sup> headed "Nothing to see here". At page 65, what is meant by the following note: "No culture of the officers – no negligence on part of officer."

#### Parallel investigation

- 71. Were you aware of an investigation into Mr Bayoh's death being carried out on behalf of the SPF by Mr John Sallens? Did you have any concerns about this? If so, what decisions and actions did you take to resolve the issue?
- 72. Please confirm if you aware of business cards being left by an investigator, Mr John Sallens, at witnesses' houses in the weeks following the incident, with the following details written in pen on the reverse of the card:

Scottish Police Federation PBW Law (Peter Watson) Fatal Accident Enq into death of Sheku Bayoh<sup>29</sup>

Did any aspect of this approach by the investigators concern you?

73. Were you aware of witness accounts that investigators provided them with information from other sources and made them feel uncomfortable?<sup>30</sup> If so, was anything done to address this?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> See a copy of the Sun article under reference SBPI-00216.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> COPFS-05246

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> BBC-00070. Please note the photograph of the card has not been shared with you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> For example, in Mr Mark Daly's statement to the Inquiry (SBPI-00119 at para 65) he recalls Mr Nelson telling him that investigators saying they were from the Police Federation entered his home and "*they start dripping poison in his ear about Bayoh*".

- 74. Were you aware of a report of findings of the SPF's investigation being sent to PIRC? To what extent, if any, did this report affect the approach of COPFS in the Investigation and Precognition?
- 75. Please explain your notes in your notebook<sup>31</sup> at page 77: "(4) Before using force arguably did not consider the physical, mental, and […] condition of the assailant. Not under attack. No weapons visible (albeit could not rule out a concealed weapon.)"
- 76. At the time of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, were you aware of any racial tropes being used in PC Short's account given in the above summary? Are you now aware of any racial tropes being used by any of the response officers in their statements? Are you aware of any racial tropes now? Would the use of these tropes be relevant to your analysis in any way? Would these racial tropes factor into the perceived threat to the officers from Mr Bayoh?

<u>Race</u>

- 77. Do you have any experience of racism being a factor to investigate in an investigation relating to:
  - (i) a death in custody or death during or following police contact; or
  - (ii) the actions of on-duty police officers.

If so, please provide details of the year(s) you were involved, how race was a factor, how you investigated the race aspect and the outcome.

- 78. Insofar as not already covered, to what extent, if any, was Mr Bayoh's race a factor in any of your decisions and actions in the Investigation and Precognition?
- 79. Prior to your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, in your experience, did COPFS routinely consider race when dealing with a death in custody or death during or following police contact? Has that position changed between the time you were involved in the Investigation and Precognition and now?

## <u>Training</u>

- 80. At the time of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, what training had you completed that was relevant for your role in the Investigation and Precognition? Please provide details of the type of training and explain what you can recall from the session.
- 81. Insofar as not already covered, what training had you completed at the time of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition in relation to the below

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> COPFS-05247

areas? Please provide details of the type of training and explain what you can recall.

- (i) liaison and instruction of SPA Forensics;
- (ii) instruction of and consulting with expert witnesses;
- (iii) taking precognitions of witnesses;
- (iv) reporting the case to Crown Counsel, including liaison with Crown Counsel and drafting the Crown Precognition.
- 82. Insofar as not already covered, what training had you completed by or during the time you were involved in the Investigation and Precognition in relation to equality and diversity issues? Which aspects of this training, if any, were applicable to your role?
- 83. What guidance or reference materials in relation to race were you aware of being available to you in the time you were involved in the Investigation and Precognition? Over the course of your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition, did you make use of any of these materials?
- 84. What, if any, training do you consider would have assisted you in your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition? This may be training you have carried out since the Investigation and Precognition, training you are aware of but have not completed or training that is not, as far as you're aware, provided by COPFS.
- 85. On page 88 of your notebook<sup>32</sup> the following is written:

Due

Unconscious Bias 24/3/16 Disability Awareness 23/3/16 Equality + Diversity Essentials 26/3/15 Being a [...] Friend 15/4/15 Mental Health Awareness 14/4/15

What is written before "*Friend*"? Are these records of training? If so, whose training is recorded? Why have you listed these training records? Why is there a cross next to one entry and a tick next to two other entries?

## Records

- 86. Is there a requirement for you to take contemporaneous notes or any other record of your involvement in an investigation? Is there a requirement to retain them? Are there any forms that you must complete in the course of the Investigation and Precognition for internal record-keeping?
- 87. What records did you keep in relation to the Investigation and Precognition? Were these retained and archived? To what extent was your record-keeping

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> COPFS-05246

consistent with normal practice? Please confirm the basis for any departures from normal practice.

## <u>Miscellaneous</u>

- 88. In your experience, was this investigation lengthy? Was it unduly lengthy? What is the reason for the length of time required for the case to be reported to Crown Counsel? Could anything have been done differently to reduce the length of time required from Mr Bayoh's death to reporting to Crown Counsel?
- 89. At what stage in the Investigation and Precognition, if at all, were you aware of the possibility that a public inquiry would be commissioned to examine Sheku Bayoh's death and the Investigation and Precognition? Was anything done or not done in light of this? Please explain the notes at page 73 of your notebook<sup>33</sup> beginning with: "7/6/18 H+S FAI Public Inquiry Questions."
- 90. Insofar as not already covered, to what extent was your involvement, decisions and actions in the Investigation and Precognition consistent with normal practice? If there were any deviations from normal practice, please explain your reasoning. In your view was race a factor in any departures from normal practice you have identified?
- 91. Insofar as not already covered, what significant difficulties or challenges did you encounter during your involvement in the Investigation and Precognition? Would any changes to practice or procedure would have assisted you in overcoming these difficulties or challenges? To what extent were these difficulties or challenges normal or expected in your role? To what extent was race a factor in these difficulties or challenges?
- 92. What is your role, and more broadly COPFS' role, in sharing the findings of the Investigation and Precognition or PIRC's investigation with Police Scotland? Do you consider any of your findings in the course of the Investigation and Precognition, or the findings of PIRC, would be of assistance to Police Scotland if they were shared? Did you or, insofar as you're aware, any colleague share these findings with Police Scotland? Did anyone from Police Scotland or SPA request your findings for the purposes of disciplinary action?
- 93. Please state the following in the final paragraph of your statement:-

"I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that this statement may form part of the evidence before the Inquiry and be published on the Inquiry's website."

94. Please sign and date your statement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> COPFS-05246