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Police Spies Out Of Lives (PSOOL) is a campaign and support group for women who have been affected by long-term intimate relationships with undercover police officers, deployed to spy on activist groups and the labour and trade union movement.

PSOOL exists to facilitate legal action by these women, and to assist with issues around the Undercover Policing Inquiry, a body to which many of the women will be called to give evidence. We also strive to work with and publicise the cases of all of those who have suffered abuse at the hands of political policing units the Special Demonstration Squad and the National Public Order Intelligence Unit.

Our aims are:

- To receive from government and police authorities a clear and unambiguous statement that this sexist abuse has ceased, and will never, under any circumstances, be permitted to happen again.
- To win full disclosure about why political policing was allowed to happen, be given access to the information which is being held about us and firm assurances that this information will no longer be kept.
- To affect changes to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act, the legislation that governs undercover policing, to prevent ambiguities around this legislation which have allowed for justification of these abuses.
- For action and change to prevent these human rights abuses from ever happening again, including stronger support for whistle-blowers and greater protection for rights of association and expression.

PSOOL is currently supporting women through various legal cases:

- Several women are currently in litigation against police authorities, bringing claims of negligence, deceit, assault and misfeasance in public office. A central aim of these actions is disclosure from the police.
- One of the founders of PSOOL, Kate Wilson, is bringing a claim to the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, the notoriously secret court which deals with complaints against state bodies and the 'UK Intelligence Community'. Kate's claim is of a breach of her Articles 3, 8, 10, 11 and 14 rights under the European Convention of Human Rights. In a groundbreaking acknowledgement, police authorities have admitted to infringement of her article 3 right that 'No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment'. Police have also now admitted that senior officers did know about these relationships as they happened, despite a previous denial of this. If Kate obtains funds to continue with legal representation through to trial, more revelations about the extent of the abuse are likely.
- One woman, known as 'Monica' attempted to judicially review a Crown Prosecution Service decision not to prosecute one of the officers under the Sexual Offences Act (1956) for

procurement or misconduct in public office. This has the potential for wider public interest as the issue of whether deceit vitiates consent is central to this case.
'Monica' lost the challenge to the CPS decision and has since had her appeal denied. The next step is potentially the European courts.

- Two women are launching claims under the Data Protection Act, but these cases are currently on hold as funding is not available to continue. Success in these claims would force meaningful disclosure by the police.
- An application has been made on behalf of seven women under the United Nations legislation the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Whilst the government isn't obligated to follow any remedies outlined by the committee, an acknowledged breach would certainly create pressure for the government to do so and we would ensure that further pressure is applied through complimentary campaign work.

PSOOL is requesting affiliations from the trade union movement, to support our campaigning. We are happy to provide a speaker at your branch meeting, to widen discussion of undercover political policing, and send a quarterly update of our campaigning and legal actions to affiliated branches.

Annual affiliations are £50 per union branch. National affiliations are on a sliding scale, according to the size of the union.:

- Up to 10,000 members - £100
- 10,000 - 100,000 members - £200
- Upwards of 100,000 members - £500

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