



c/o 5 Caledonian Rd, Kings Cross, London N1 9DY

### **Affiliation application – Jan 2024**

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. We oppose the CHIS (Criminal Conduct) Act in it's current form as we believe that this enshrines in to law everything that we are campaigning against.
- 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, won her case at the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, the notoriously secret court which deals with complaints against state bodies and the 'UK Intelligence Community'. Kate received a groundbreaking judgement that found a breach of her Articles 3, 8, 10, 11 and 14 rights under the European Convention of Human Rights.

- Ten 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.
- '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. Her application to the the European courts was not heard on a technicality.
- An application was made on behalf of seven women under the United Nations legislation the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). This application was unsuccessful.

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
- Upwards of 10,000 members - £200

**Please send this form along with either:**

a cheque, to **Police Spies Out Of Lives**, c/o 5 Caledonian Rd, Kings Cross, London N1 9DY .

**Or email the below information: [contact@policespiesoutoflives.org.uk](mailto:contact@policespiesoutoflives.org.uk) and bank transfer to:**

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