

Introduction

This inventory contains a compilation of the evidence heard by the Sheku Bayoh Public Inquiry which in the view of Counsel to the Inquiry is potentially relevant to the Inquiry's task *"to establish the extent (if any) to which the events leading up to and following Mr Bayoh's death, in particular the actions of the officers involved, were affected by his actual or perceived race and to make recommendations to address any findings in that regard"*.

This issue forms part of the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. It has been considered throughout every Inquiry hearing and will be the central focus of the hearing block commencing in June 2024 ("the hearing on race").

The purpose of collating the material in this inventory is to assist the Chair, Core Participants and members of the public attending or viewing the hearing on race to follow references that may be made to evidence adduced in the course of previous hearings.

The inventory will be published in three parts:

1. Summary of potentially relevant evidence gathered in relation to the events at Hayfield Road on 3 May 2015 and post-incident management by Police Scotland – [SBPI-00684](#);
2. Summary of potentially relevant evidence gathered in relation to the involvement of PIRC – [SBPI-00648](#); and
3. Summary of potentially relevant evidence gathered in relation to the involvement of COPFS – [REDACTED]

Inclusion of material in this inventory does not mean that Inquiry Counsel have reached a concluded view on whether or not it is relevant, or the nature of its potential relevance. The criterion of potential relevance is a low threshold, and the inventory contains a summary of primary evidence without any analytical lens applied.

Equally, exclusion of material from this inventory does not mean that it cannot be referred to in the hearing on race, nor that Inquiry Counsel have reached a concluded view that it is not relevant to that part of the Terms of Reference.

It will be a matter for the Chair of the Inquiry, following the evidential hearings, to determine what evidence he considers relevant to each of the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. He has had no involvement in the preparation of this inventory.

Should any Core Participant wish to highlight anything they perceive to be an important omission or other area of disagreement with this inventory such feedback would be welcome. Core Participants will have the opportunity to address the Inquiry on what evidence may be relevant to the Inquiry's task in relation to race in their closing submissions.

Note of changes between this version and a previous version SBPI-00582

The first version of this introduction (SBPI-00582) was disclosed to core participants in May 2024. The previous version did not include the document ID for each of the three parts of the Inventory. This version now includes the document ID for each of the three parts of the Inventory and these changes have been typed in blue for ease of reference.