



EIGHT WOMEN



Press conference – November 2015

The case in brief

- *The Claimants:* [Helen, Kate, Lisa, Rosa, Belinda, Naomi, Ruth, Alison](#)
- *The Defendants:* [Metropolitan Police & the Association of Chief Police Officers](#)
- *Which deployments:* [Mark Kennedy, Jim Boyling, John Dines, Bob Lambert, Mark Jenner](#)
- *Legal claims:* [Human Rights Claims, Common Law Claims](#)
- *Solicitor for the case:* [Harriet Wistrich, Birnberg Peirce](#)
- *All these claimants have settled their case.*

The story so far

In December 2011 eight women launched legal action against [the Metropolitan Police and ACPO](#) for the harm they brought into long term intimate relationships. There is a timeline for this legal action [here](#). This is the original case up to support.

The women's case included [common law claims](#) and [human rights claims](#). In both parts of the case the women have attempted to [strike out](#) the case, have the case sent to [secret court](#), and who have attempted to hide be

The women asserted that the actions of the Metropolitan police officers breached their [human rights](#), subject to treatment, and disrespecting their private and family life and their right to form relationships without unjustified interference. The Metropolitan Police agreed that they had abused their human rights, in their full [apology](#), which was part of the settlement with the women. These claims (those of Kate Wilson) are still being investigated by the Investigatory Powers Tribunal that oversees RIPA.

The women also brought claims for [deceit, assault, misfeasance in public office and negligence](#). They sought redress for psychological, emotional and sexual abuse of campaigners and others by undercover police officers. These claims were against the Metropolitan Police when they [withdrew their defence](#).

The case can be considered won by the eight women. In November 2015, the Metropolitan Police gave a full [apology](#) and [the women's human rights](#), as part of a settlement. In January 2016, the police [withdrew their defence](#) against the women's legal action, asking for the judgment to be entered against them in respect of the claims for deceit, assault/battery and negligence.

Parts of the case are still remaining: An investigation into the human rights abuses by the Metropolitan Police, the [Investigatory Powers Tribunal](#), the secret court that oversees [RIPA](#).

All of the women now continue their fight for the truth about what happened, and for assurances it will never happen again. They are also [making a claim to the United Nation's commission for women \(CEDAW\)](#).

"The women assert that the actions of the undercover officers breached their rights as protected by the European Convention on Human Rights including Article 3 (no one shall be subject to inhumane and degrading treatment) and Article 8 (respect for private and family life, the right to form relationships without unjustified interference by the state). The women are also bringing claims for deceit and negligence."

If you have information

If you have information about undercover police officers that you think might be useful to these cases, please contact [Birnberg Peirce and partners](#), by emailing

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Police Spies Out Of Lives (this support group) – contact#[@#policespiesoutoflives.org.uk](https://policespiesoutoflives.org.uk).

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Further background on the case:

> *Legal Action > Our Stories – the claimants*

> *Legal Action >The Officers – the specific deployments which this case concerns*

> *Legal Action >The Command Structures – the subjects of the legal action*

> *Legal Action > Legal Battles – an introduction to legal battles and legal procedures around the case*

