

Supplementary Paper to our Original Blueprint Proposal

A People's Investigative Agency (PIA) and People's Prosecution Service (PPS)

Why Reform is Now Urgent and Unavoidable

1. The Growing Evidence of Systemic Failures

The case for a People's Investigative Agency and People's Prosecution Service, set out in our original blueprint, was founded on principle: no one should be judge of their own cause. Recent months have made this more than principle - it is now necessity.

Across the United Kingdom, systemic failures in policing and prosecution are surfacing in ways too glaring to ignore:

- Wrongful Prosecutions:

- Post Office Scandal: Hundreds of sub-postmasters wrongly prosecuted based on faulty Horizon IT data. Police and CPS acted without due diligence, complicit in the destruction of lives.

- Lucy Letby Case: Growing commentary now questions whether Letby's conviction was safe.

Questions around statistical evidence, medical records

and prosecutorial reliance on flawed expert testimony must be taken seriously. If an injustice has occurred, it is one of the gravest miscarriages in modern British history.

- Hillsborough: Decades of denial, delay and obfuscation, with families subjected to repeated cycles of false hope and betrayal.

- Suppression of Complaints:

- Operation Talla: Official documents confirm that police forces were instructed not to treat certain COVID-19 related allegations as crimes. Citizens were stripped of their right to have serious complaints lawfully recorded and investigated.

- CPIA Failures: Repeated findings of disclosure breaches, where the CPS has failed in its statutory duty under the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996. The collapsed rape trials of 2017 - 2018 were only the most visible example of a systemic issue.

- Unlawful Dependency:

- The CPS has admitted that it will not consider evidence of police wrongdoing unless the police themselves choose to pass it on. This transforms the supposed independence of prosecution into total dependency.

Judges are thereby placed in ignorance, unable to see cases never passed through this closed loop.

2. The “Only-Option” Problem

At present, the police hold an absolute monopoly over criminal investigation, and the CPS monopolises prosecution. Together, they form a closed system.

This “only-option” arrangement is no longer tenable:

- When police or CPS are themselves conflicted, justice is structurally impossible.
- Victims of state misconduct are forced to rely on the very bodies accused of wrongdoing to investigate themselves.
- Judicial oversight becomes meaningless because courts cannot act on evidence they never see.

The public is left with a constitution in name only, not in reality.

3. Why the PIA and PPS Are the Answer

The blueprint for a People’s Investigative Agency (PIA) and a People’s Prosecution Service (PPS) is not a luxury reform - it is a survival measure for the rule of law.

- The PIA would ensure allegations of official misconduct are independently investigated, outside

executive control.

- The PPS would prosecute those cases, with full standing in the courts, equal to the CPS.
- Both would operate transparently, with fixed terms for leadership, statutory independence, and judicially supervised oversight.

This dual structure restores separation of powers, ensuring that justice cannot be blocked by executive self-interest.

4. The Real-World Consequences of Delay

Every day without reform compounds the crisis:

- Innocent people risk wrongful convictions while real offenders go free.
- Citizens lose faith in the integrity of institutions - fuelling division, anger and despair.
- Constitutional principles are mocked by institutional practices, where laws bind only the public but not those in power.

5. Conclusion: The Path Forward

The failures we are now witnessing from the Post Office scandal to questions over Lucy Letby, from Hillsborough to Operation Talla, all point to the same truth: the executive cannot be trusted to police and prosecute itself.

Britain cannot afford to ignore this. A People's Investigative Agency and People's Prosecution Service are not radical departures. They are the restoration of the ancient principle that the law binds all equally, citizen and state alike.

Without reform, the erosion of trust will accelerate. With reform, Britain can reclaim its constitutional integrity and rebuild the much needed and currently absent, public faith in justice.

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