THE HIDDEN CONTRADICTIONS OF OPERATION TALLA

Edition 2 - A Forensic Analysis

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INTRODUCTORY OVERVIEW

This paper exposes not only the contradictions found in the public and documentary record, but the architecture of the system which produced them. It brings together multiple evidential strands - documentary, oral, structural, statutory, behavioural and operational, into a single, coherent analysis.

What follows is not speculation, inference, or polemic.

It is the inevitable conclusion reached when the evidential record is tested with rigorous legal reasoning.

1. The Former NPCC Chair's Evidence Establishes a National Command Framework - Contrary to Every Later NPCC Denial

In his sworn testimony to the UK Covid-19 Inquiry (8 November 2023), Martin Hewitt describes Operation Talla as:

- a UK-wide police operation,
- directed through a central Gold Command,
- personally led by him,
- involving all chief constables,
- designed to ensure national consistency,
- and integrated across all four UK nations, irrespective of devolved legislation.

This account cannot be reconciled with the NPCC's subsequent public narrative, which repeatedly claims:

- Operation Talla "was not a command structure";
- NPCC issued "no instructions" regarding vaccine-report suppression;

- policing decisions were "local" and "independent";
- NPCC exercised "no operational role".

Hewitt's own evidence detonates the NPCC's public position.

Once the contradictions are exposed, the NPCC narrative becomes untenable for any informed observer, legally, academically, or publicly.

2. Scotland and Northern Ireland Were Fully Integrated Making the Vaccine-Report Rejection Policy Inescapably National

Hewitt makes clear that:

- Scotland and Northern Ireland were fully represented in all Operation Talla governance structures;
- operational guidance was deliberately harmonised across the UK;
- divergence was rare and discouraged;
- national coordination was continuous and intentional.

This directly corroborates what Police Scotland later admitted regarding the 25 January 2022 directive rejecting vaccine-related crime reports. Police Scotland explicitly stated the instruction was issued:

"on the advice of the National Police Chiefs' Council and UK Gold Command."

Thus:

- the directive was not Scottish,
- not isolated,
- not an error,
- and not an anomaly.

It was the operational manifestation of the national command structure Hewitt described.

If national, then it follows that NPCC senior leadership knew, endorsed, or intended that vaccine-related allegations would be rejected across the UK.

3. Hewitt's Daily Engagement With Ministers Makes His Silence on Vaccine Reporting Profoundly Significant

Hewitt testifies that during the Covid period he:

- communicated with the Home Secretary "pretty much every day",
- met frequently with Home Office officials,
- participated in DHSC planning and data discussions,
- and played a central role in cross-government Covid strategy.

Against that level of engagement, it is not credible that he:

- was unaware of widespread vaccine-related allegations,
- did not know of CRN 6029679/21,
- was not briefed on public attempts to report vaccine harm,
- did not know forces were rejecting these reports.

His omission of this issue from his Inquiry evidence is not an oversight.

It is a material omission that goes to the heart of candour and public accountability.

4. The NPCC's Operational Role Is Proven Despite Its Attempts to Deny It

Hewitt's own evidence demonstrates that NPCC:

- drafted and distributed operational leaflets,
- shaped real-time enforcement practice,
- set national standards,
- monitored operational uniformity,
- influenced how powers were applied on the street.

This is operational direction in substance, regardless of constitutional formalities.

Thus:

If NPCC can

- standardise enforcement of regulations,
- determine national posture,
- orchestrate UK-wide operational consistency,

then NPCC can also

 direct, influence, or endorse the suppression of categories of crime reports.

The evidence shows that is exactly what occurred.

5. Transparency Was Selective - Open When Safe, Opaque When Dangerous

Hewitt's testimony emphasises transparency regarding:

- enforcement data,
- media briefings,

- disproportionality statistics,
- Fixed Penalty Notice volumes.

But on the matters of:

- rejection of crime reports,
- suppression of evidence,
- the Speirs Directive,
- non-recording practices,
- the national refusal of vaccine-related allegations,
- the absence of CPIA compliance,

transparency collapses.

This selective openness draws a bright line between what NPCC was willing to disclose and what it felt compelled to conceal.

6. CPIA Obligations - The Critical Legal Distinction and Its Devastating Implications

6.1. Critical incident status does not activate CPIA

The declaration of Covid as a "critical incident" and the creation of Gold Command do not trigger CPIA obligations.

CPIA duties arise only when:

- a crime is alleged or reported, or an investigation is opened.
- 6.2. However, critical incident structures impose strict documentation duties

In a national multi-agency Gold environment:

- significant decisions must be logged,
- guidance must be documented,
- communications must be retained,
- policy instructions must be traceable.

The apparent absence of such records is itself suspicious.

6.3. CPIA was triggered immediately once vaccine-related allegations were made
Once the public submitted allegations of:
 questionable death, fraud, misconduct in public office, or provided supporting evidence,
CPIA duties crystallised.
Rejecting reports at first contact is a prima facie breach of CPIA.
6.4. Operation Talla did not create the breach - it did

however, make the breach systemic

Talla ensured:

• UK-wide consistency,

• centralised decision-making,

• cross-border uniformity.
Failures ceased to be local errors and became nationally embedded unlawfulness.
6.5. The correct legal conclusion
Operation Talla did not trigger CPIA - The public did.
Talla simply ensured that once breaches occurred, they were universal, inevitable and structurally enforced.
7. Video Evidence, FOI Disclosures, and Testimony From Scotland
Independent video footage captures Police Scotland constables refusing to accept evidence, explicitly citing the Speirs Directive.
This:

- proves the Directive existed in operational practice,
- confirms officers interpreted the instruction as mandatory,
- validates a national suppression mechanism,
- destroys any claim of "misinterpretation".

This is the rare case where a covert policing practice has been caught on camera and it is devastating.

8. The Wetherill Statements - Independent Confirmation of Structural Unlawfulness

Weatherill's evidence demonstrates:

- improper use of emergency powers,
- misapplication of statutory frameworks,
- confusion over legal authority,
- overreach founded on centralised guidance.

Placed alongside Hewitt's evidence, it reveals a pattern:

central direction,

- operational uniformity,
- but no legal audit or assurance,

allowing systemic misuse to proliferate.

The suppression of vaccine-related reports was therefore not an anomaly. It was consistent with the wider governance culture of Operation Talla.

9. Systemic Failure, Institutional Concealment and the Emergence of a Covert Suppression Mechanism

When all evidence is assembled - transcripts, directives, FOIs, video, statutory duties and testimony, a single conclusion emerges:

 A covert, UK-wide, command-enabled suppression mechanism operated during and after the Covid period to prevent vaccine-related allegations from being recorded or investigated.

The mechanisms included:

- refusal to accept evidence,
- refusal to issue crime numbers,
- internal directives concealed from public sight,
- coordinated denial of national involvement,
- systematic non-recording of CPIA-triggering material,
- omissions in Inquiry testimony.

This was not incompetence, misunderstanding, or local error - It was a system.

10. Integrated Analysis: The Gold Command Nexus

The NPCC's claim that it had no involvement in suppressing vaccine-related crime reports collapses entirely when assessed against:

- the sworn evidence of Martin Hewitt,
- the documentary record,
- the Speirs Directive,
- and the operational reality across UK policing.

Hewitt's witness statements to the UK Covid Inquiry (INQ000216925 and INQ000587307) establish that, as National Gold Commander, he exercised strategic oversight over:

- all UK police forces, including Scotland and Northern Ireland,
- national guidance issuance,
- national communications,
- intelligence flows through NPoCC,
- Operation Talla Silver,
- daily operational briefings,
- cross-government integration.

These are command responsibilities - not advisory.

The Speirs Directive explicitly states that its instructions were issued:

"on the advice of the National Police Chiefs' Council and UK Gold Command."

There was only one Gold Commander: Martin Hewitt.

Thus, he must have known:

- of CRN 6029679/21,
- of its closure without investigation,
- that it was being used as the national precedent,
- and that his authority was being cited to justify a UKwide rejection of vaccine-related reports.

This is not speculation, but is rather the unavoidable consequence of the structure which Hewitt himself described.

The Directive is exactly the type of instruction Operation Talla was designed to produce. Its cross-border uniformity is explicable only through Gold Command oversight.

The conclusion is inescapable:

CRN 6029679/21 became the foundation of a UK-wide suppression mechanism authorised, endorsed, or permitted at NPCC Gold Command level.

11. Conclusion of the Analytical Report

The evidence now shows:

- Operation Talla was a national command structure.
- The NPCC did exercise operational influence.
- A coordinated UK-wide rejection of vaccine-harm reports existed.
- CPIA obligations were breached across the UK.
- Transparency was selectively withheld.
- Institutional misdirection accompanied suppression.

Hewitt's own evidence provides the architecture explaining how it all occurred.

This is no longer a question of interpretation, but a question of institutional accountability.

SKELETON ARGUMENT

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This skeleton addresses the central question arising from the evidence:

Whether the National Police Chiefs' Council ("NPCC"), acting through Operation Talla, instituted or enabled a national practice of rejecting vaccine-related crime reports, contrary to statutory duties, common law obligations and constitutional principles.

- 2. The argument relies upon:
- Hewitt's sworn Inquiry evidence,
- the Speirs Directive,
- FOI disclosures,
- video evidence,
- material relating to CRN 6029679/21,
- CPIA 1996 and relevant common law.

3. Taken together, the evidence reveals a covert, unlawful and centrally coordinated suppression mechanism operating across all four UK nations.

B. THE CENTRAL ISSUE

The core question for any court or oversight body is this:

 Did the NPCC, through Operation Talla, implement or knowingly permit a national policy to suppress or reject vaccine-related crime reports?

The evidence answers a very plain and unequivocal, yes.

C. OPERATION TALLA AS A NATIONAL COMMAND STRUCTURE

Hewitt's evidence establishes that Talla was:

• UK-wide,

- centrally commanded,
- directed by the NPCC Chair acting as Gold Commander,
- binding in effect upon all chief constables,
- harmonised across all four nations.

This contradicts every later NPCC denial.

D. THE SPEIRS DIRECTIVE - PROOF OF NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Police Scotland's 25 January 2022 Directive required the rejection of all vaccine-related crime reports and was issued:

"on the advice of the National Police Chiefs' Council and UK Gold Command."

This is conclusive evidence of national instruction.

E. VIDEO EVIDENCE - OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

Video footage shows Scottish officers refusing evidence and citing the Directive.

This eliminates any claim of misunderstanding and confirms the directive was binding in practice.

F. CRN 6029679/21 AS THE NATIONAL PRECEDENT

The uniform refusal across forces to:

- issue crime numbers,
- investigate,
- accept evidence,

is explicable only through central coordination.

G. MINISTERIAL KNOWLEDGE

Hewitt had regular contact with ministers. It is inconceivable he was unaware of vaccine-related reporting or its suppression.

H. CPIA DUTIES

CPIA obligations crystallised when vaccine allegations were reported.

The rejection of such reports constitutes systemic unlawful non-compliance across forces.

I. THE WETHERILL STATEMENTS

Owen Weatherill independently confirms structural unlawfulness, misapplication of powers and centralised influence.

J. CONCLUSIONS

The evidence establishes:

- 1. Talla was a national command structure.
- 2. NPCC exercised operational authority.
- 3. Vaccine-report suppression was national and coordinated.
- 4. CPIA was systematically breached.
- 5. Senior officials must have known.
- 6. NPCC denials were false or misleading.
- 7. The conduct amounts to misfeasance, nonfeasance, malfeasance and conduct tending to pervert the course of justice.

K. GOLD COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY

Martin Hewitt, as Gold Commander, must have known of the CRN, its closure and its use as the national precedent underpinning a UK-wide suppression mechanism.

No other conclusion is credible.

Footnote:

The conclusions above represent the outcome of a forensic evidential analysis and are based on the materials presently available - Should additional material emerge, these conclusions may require refinement.