

How Operation Talla Was Exposed

30th November 2025

For several years, the public was told Operation Talla was simply the policing coordination framework for Covid-19 - an administrative response focused on logistics, resourcing and emergency pressures.

No member of the public was ever informed that Operation Talla also sat behind a UK-wide system which influenced whether criminal allegations relating to the Covid-19 vaccine rollout would be recorded or investigated.

That truth only surfaced because of one thing:

An independent investigation led by Ian Clayton.

Here is how the full picture emerged.

1. The First Breakthrough: The Police Scotland FOI Disclosure

In early 2025, following viewing the video which can now be seen at

<https://youtube.com/shorts/1e90oAtJoz0?si=RTnVqWSVJUVvqLZD>

Ian Clayton submitted a targeted series of FOI requests to Police Scotland, seeking clarity on whether officers had been instructed to reject vaccine-related criminal allegations.

Ultimately and unexpectedly, Police Scotland released a document dated 25 January 2022, personally authored by the then Assistant Chief Constable (and now Deputy Chief Constable) Alan Speirs.

It revealed:

Officers were told to reject vaccine-related criminal complaints;

These were to be recorded only as SID/CVI non-crime entries;

And the directive had been issued:

“on the advice of the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) and UK Gold Command.”

This was the first time a written UK police directive of this kind had ever appeared on the public record.

This was the first exposure.

2. The Second Breakthrough: National Police Chiefs’ Council Disclosures Contradict NPCC Denials

Next, Ian Clayton compared the Speirs directive with FOI disclosures issued by the NPCC.

These NPCC disclosures contained two incompatible strands:

(1) Public-facing denials

The NPCC insisted to the Covid Inquiry that:

“Operation Talla did not issue command instructions affecting local investigations,”

and

“There was no national directive affecting recording practices.”

(2) Internal documentation showing national coordination

Their own released documents revealed:

national-level operational messaging concerning vaccine-related allegations;

coordinated briefings across forces (including Weatherill, NPoCC SIB and Silver Command);

discussions showing a uniform UK-wide approach to *“handling”* such allegations;

national monitoring of public attempts to make reports.

This meant the NPCC’s internal evidence supported the Speirs directive, whilst their public statements denied the existence of any such direction.

This contradiction was the second exposure.

3. The Third Breakthrough: Mapping the UK-Wide Pattern

Ian Clayton then examined policing practice across all jurisdictions:

England & Wales (NPCC)

Scotland (Police Scotland under Scots law)

Northern Ireland (PSNI)

Every region showed identical behaviour:

blanket rejection of vaccine-related crime reports,

redirection of complainants,

and refusal to investigate material evidence.

This demonstrated that the policy-in-practice was not confined to Scotland, or indeed, any single force.

It was UK-wide and coordinated, whether formally documented or informally operationalised.

This was the third exposure.

4. The Fourth Breakthrough: Constitutional Correspondence (18 November 2025)

With the structural picture clear, Ian Clayton, together with retired Police Constable, Mark Sexton, issued a formal constitutional notification on 18 November 2025 to:

the Lady Chief Justice,

the Secretary of State for Justice,

the Attorney General,

the Chair of PACAC,

and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

This correspondence set out, for the first time at constitutional level:

the existence of a UK-wide practice affecting criminal investigation access;

the contradictions between NPCC denials and Police Scotland disclosures;

the breach of statutory duties across jurisdictions;

and the implications for judicial review, CPIA 1996 compliance and public trust.

No responses were received within the requested seven-day timeframe.

Accordingly, Ian Clayton and Mark Sexton then released the correspondence into the public domain.

This was the fourth exposure.

5. The Fifth Breakthrough: Publication of the Evidence Matrix (1 December 2025)

On 1 December, Ian Clayton and Mark Sexton will be publishing the evidence pack which supports the November correspondence:

This pack will show that:

the policy existed,

it was UK-wide,

senior policing institutions contradicted themselves,

and Operation Talla has been misrepresented at the highest levels, including to the Covid Inquiry.

This exposure will provide the evidence which turns a concealed operational system into documented public fact.