

OPERATION TALLA - THE SNAKE WITH SEVERAL HEADS

How Behavioural Science, Police Command, Government Messaging and Military Influence Were Deployed Against the British Public During COVID-19

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Executive Summary

This report places into the public record a disturbing and unprecedented convergence of:

- policing directives under Operation Talla,
- behavioural influence strategies (SPI-B, BIT),
- national “counter-misinformation” units,
- regulatory suppression of dissent,

- and the domestic involvement of the British Army's 77th Brigade.

Together, these systems formed a hidden architecture of behavioural control and information dominance used against the British public during COVID-19.

The evidence now shows:

1. Psychological manipulation was used to increase fear, compliance and deference to authority.
2. Operation Talla instructed police forces to reject certain categories of crime reports before they could enter the justice system.
3. The 77th Brigade, a military information unit of the British Army, monitored and analysed domestic dissent and online narratives.
4. Government bodies weaponised the undefined term “misinformation” to silence lawful scientific criticism and public concern.

5. Regulatory bodies punished professionals for dissenting from official positions, irrespective of evidence.

6. Democratic safeguards failed, culminating in the Ministry of Justice diverting constitutional correspondence to the very department implicated in Operation Talla.

This is now a constitutional matter of the highest public importance.

1. The Behavioural Operation Against the Public

From the earliest days of the pandemic, behavioural scientists advised Government that fear should be increased deliberately as a mechanism of control.

SPI-B minutes stated explicitly:

“The perceived level of personal threat needs to be increased.”

This was not accidental or emergent - it was instructed.

The Behavioural Insights Team (BIT) reinforced this approach, noting that behavioural techniques are most effective when:

“the subjects are not aware of the influence being applied.”

The British public were never told that their emotional states were being engineered as a policy tool.

These techniques are ethically questionable in consumer advertising.

Applied to an entire population during a national emergency, without disclosure, they constitute a major democratic breach.

2. The Weaponisation of “Misinformation”

Published analysis, “***Who Decides What Is ‘Misinformation?’***”, identifies a central flaw in the modern suppression of dissent:

there is no objective, evidence-based definition of “misinformation.”

Yet during COVID-19, this undefined term became:

- a justification for censorship,
- a rationale for punishing dissenting professionals,
- a basis for removing content,
- and a mechanism for delegitimising any challenge to official doctrine.

In practice:

- “misinformation” meant deviation from Government messaging.
- Scientists, doctors and citizens who raised legitimate concerns were labelled “misinformers”.
- Evidence was ignored because the position was inconvenient.

3. Operation Talla: The Policing Mechanism of Suppression

Operation Talla was the national policing command for COVID-19.

FOI disclosures now confirm that:

Police officers were instructed to refuse categories of public reporting relating to COVID-19 harms.

This included:

- vaccine harm reports,
- concerns about state decision-making,
- and evidence relating to potential criminality.

The instruction was clear:

Reject. Do not record. Do not investigate.

This instruction violates:

- the College of Policing's Code of Practice,
- the Victims' Code,
- the CPIA 1996 disclosure obligations,
- and basic principles of policing by consent.

What was presented to the public as lawful policing was, in fact, a command-and-control mechanism integrated with government messaging and behavioural directives.

4. The 77th Brigade: Military Information Warfare Turned Inward

The most constitutionally alarming revelation is this:

The British Army's 77th Brigade monitored the domestic information environment during COVID-19.

The 77th Brigade's role includes:

- information and psychological operations,
- narrative shaping,
- monitoring sentiment,
- and influencing behaviour.

These tools are intended for:

- hostile state actors,
- foreign disinformation campaigns,
- extremist networks,
- and overseas information warfare theatres.

During COVID-19, however, the target became:

the British public itself.

This was confirmed in:

- parliamentary responses,
- MoD statements,
- civil-service admissions.

This represents a historic constitutional breach.

No Parliament authorised it.

No legal framework permitted it.

No public consent was sought.

A military unit designed for foreign information warfare was, in effect:

- monitoring domestic criticism,
- analysing dissenting sentiment,
- supporting Government narrative enforcement.

This is a line which should never, under any circumstance, be crossed.

5. The Emergent Fusion: Behavioural Units + Policing + Military Influence + Regulatory Suppression

The evidence now supports a unified conclusion:

A multi-layered influence and suppression architecture operated during COVID-19.

It consisted of:

1. Behavioural Manipulation

SPI-B and BIT increasing fear, compliance and conformity.

2. Narrative Control

Counter-disinformation units eliminating dissenting views.

3. Military Influence

77th Brigade monitoring public dissent and online conversations.

4. Police Suppression

Operation Talla rejecting evidence and preventing crime recording.

5. Regulatory Enforcement

Professional bodies punishing those who raised lawful concerns.

This was not a “programme” or “policy.”

It was a system.

A system designed to ensure:

- dissent did not take root,
- evidence contrary to official messaging did not surface,
- police did not record inconvenient reports,
- the public were steered emotionally toward compliance,
- military information units shaped the information environment.

Nothing like this has ever occurred in modern British constitutional history.

6. Constitutional Breakdown

The Ministry of Justice Mishandling

The crisis deepened in December 2025 when the Ministry of Justice:

- failed to respond to constitutional correspondence addressed to the LCJ, SoSJ, AG, PACAC and Met Commissioner;
- misdirected the correspondence to the Home Office;
- and placed the matter into the hands of a department directly involved in Operation Talla.

This constitutes:

- a conflict of interest,
- a failure in constitutional correspondence handling,
- an avoidance of ministerial accountability,
- and a breakdown in administrative propriety.

The Home Office's reply, suggesting Citizens Advice, further reveals the institutional unwillingness to recognise the gravity of what Operation Talla represents.

7. The Full Picture

A Domestic Psychological and Information Operation
Against the People.

The convergence of:

- psychological manipulation,
- policing suppression,
- military influence,
- regulatory enforcement,
- and ministerial avoidance

forces a single unavoidable conclusion:

During the pandemic, the British population was subjected to a coordinated psychological and informational control system unprecedented in the nation's history.

Dissent was not debated, but was managed.

Concerns were not investigated, but were obstructed and suppressed.

Citizens were not informed, but were influenced.

Public institutions did not uphold constitutional integrity. Instead, they protected a narrative.

The core of this operation rested on a single word:

“Misinformation.”

A word with no definition.

A word exposed as a tool of suppression.

A word used to silence truth.

Conclusion

A National Reckoning Is Now Required.

What has emerged is not simply evidence of governance failure.

It is evidence of a structural collapse in the safeguards that protect democracy itself.

Britain crossed lines which:

- should never be crossed in a free society,
- must never be crossed again,
- and require immediate parliamentary and judicial scrutiny, failing which, direct scrutiny by the people will become an unavoidable necessity.

This report puts the truth into the public record.

The public now deserves answers, not silence, not evasion and not behavioural manipulation.

The time for transparency has arrived.

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