

REQUEST

Could you please tell me the following information;

- 1. Confirm whether the investigation in to the 1974 (November 21) Birmingham pub bombings is still open and ongoing?**

Answer:

The pub bombing investigation, while not an active enquiry, has never closed. Our approach is where new facts come to light, they are scrutinised to see if people can be brought to justice.

- 2. How many (i) police officers, (ii) detectives/investigators are currently working on the case?**

Answer:

At present we have 4 Police Officers and 4 Police Staff working on the pub bombings, this includes providing information to the Coroner in support of the inquest proceedings. The level of staffing is subject of continuous review and numbers will be adjusted to meet demands.

- 3. Does West Midlands Police have plans in place or intend to question Michael Christopher Hayes following his BBC interview after he claimed he was part of the IRA group responsible for the attack?**

Answer:

West Midlands Police have written to the BBC requesting the full footage to enable us to assess the full interview as part of our evidential process. Michael Hayes is outside the UK and a decision on what additional action can be taken will be assessed by the CPS.