

You are receiving this update as you were directly affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower. It is our intention, to keep those most affected by the tragic events at the centre of our investigation. The below information is intended to update you.

As you will be aware the Met has been carrying out an investigation into the cause and spread of the fire at Grenfell Tower since 14 June. The Met has made it clear that it has primacy, and we are conducting a criminal investigation considering all offences, including corporate manslaughter.

Alongside the recovery operation in Grenfell Tower to find, recover and identify all those that died we are conducting one of the largest criminal investigations outside of counter terrorism operations.

We have seized a huge amount of material and taken a large number of witness statements.

After an initial assessment of that information, the officer leading the investigation has today notified Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the Kensington and Chelsea Tenant Management Organisation that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that each organisation may have committed the offence of corporate manslaughter under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

It is necessary to communicate this information to the respective organisations so that the investigation team can continue to conduct its work in a manner that has a firm and accountable legal basis.

Corporate manslaughter is a specific offence under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

In due course, a senior representative of each corporation will be formally interviewed by police in relation to the potential offence. This interview will not take place immediately, since it is important that all relevant facts and information have been gathered before any such interview is conducted.

The legislation under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 does not provide a power to arrest any individual.

These facts are simply an update on the investigation so far. The content of this note should not be taken to conclude that the identified offences and organisations are the only offences, organisations or individuals that are being investigated.

The MPS has consistently stated that the scope of the investigation will seek to identify and investigate any criminal offences that may have been committed under criminal law including examination of all relevant legislation, Fire Safety regulations, Health and Safety legislation, building regulations and any other relevant statutory or regulatory frameworks. This work will continue.