

**ATTENDANCE NOTE
OPERATION ROCHESTER**

Meeting at Ludgate Hill on Tuesday 13 January 2004 pm (S Watts, N Niven, O Kenny, M L (retained lawyer), RDS and PC).

Police outlined present position. Experts have reviewed some 62 cases. There are some further 20 cases which have arisen from the work of Professor Baker (instructed by CMO). Embargoed report.

Police put patients into various categories (1A – 3B etc). No case where negligent treatment was cause of death. ML looking at one A cases – seeking to eliminate categories where no cause for further enquiries.

Police suggested CPS to see notes, consider procedures etc.

RDS mentioned that where optimum treatment given, death from natural causes etc no reason for CPS to get involved.

ML explained his background – doctor and solicitor – covered work he was doing and also providing quality assurance for police enquiry.

Police to write to families (as per categories) covering whether further work/enquiries proposed. Suggested care in drafting of letters – continual review may be necessary if further evidence forthcoming.

RDS cautioned police regarding delay. General discussion regarding causation.

Police mentioned they were proposing to interview doctors and nurses towards the end of the Spring. Seems voluntary interviews otherwise police would arrest. General discussion as to consequent potential problems following arrest and pressure from defence solicitors for progress.

General review in due course. Police enquiry unlikely to be completed within next 12 or even 18 months.

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