Drybrough-Smith Robert

Code A From: 12 August 2004 11:39 Sent: To: Code A Subject: Operation Rochester

Dear Mr Drybrough-Smith

DCI Dave Williams of Hampshire police has referred me to you. I have today left a telephone message on your voice-mail. I thought I would set out the background in e-mail to inform our conversation.

As you may be aware, we are dealing with a case in relation to a doctor following information received from Hampshire Constabulary. The GMC's immediate concern is public protection (as I am sure is the CPS'). I and others here had a productive meeting with DCS Steve Watts and DCI Dave Williams on 6 July 2004. In principle, the police are content to disclose category 2 (sub-optimal care) cases to the GMC, subject to the CPS' approval. I understand that the approval rests with you.

Is it possible for you to approve disclosure of category 2 material, including experts' reports? It is likely that the material would enable us to refer the case to our Interim Orders Committee which could consider whether it is necessary to restrict the doctors registration in some way in order to protect the public.

I should be grateful if we could discuss this more fully. I am in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It would be most helpful if we could speak this afternoon.

Yours
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Manager, Special Projects
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