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**From:** Dowd Carmen  
**Sent:** 05 September 2006 09:59  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** RE: Operation ROCHESTER

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Carmen Dowd  
 Head of Special Crime Division

**From:** C Code A  
**Sent:** 01 September 2006 17:17  
**To:** Dowd Carmen  
**Subject:** RE: Operation ROCHESTER

Carmen,

We had a conference with the ACC, Supt. Williams and Insp. Grocott on 2 August 2006 when David Perry explained about the issues in the case which prevents a successful prosecution. The last batch of papers relating to this investigation arrived on 16 August 2006 and they were copied to Counsel on 18 August 2006. The final advice from David Perry and Louis Mabley is imminent. Paul Close will start making arrangements regarding any media plans and meetings with the families as soon as the Advice arrives.

There is an issue which the Police take with Paul Close regarding the disclosure of David's advice when available. Paul has undertaken to write to the Police explaining David's Advice in a letter. The Police are not happy with that arrangement, they want a copy of David's advice which Paul has refused to provide as it has always been the

Rule of this office not to release Counsel's Advice. Paul will be able to fill you in more detail when he returns.

I will speak with David and Louis Mabley and ascertain from them when the Advice will be ready.

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**From:** Dowd Carmen  
**Sent:** 01 September 2006 15:48  
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Gareth tells me that Paull is on annual leave. Could you give me an update regarding any media plans and /or meetings with families before I ring Nick.

Thanks

Carmen

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 Head of Special Crime Division

**From:** Hawkins Nick  
**Sent:** 31 August 2006 16:17  
**To:** Dowd Carmen  
**Subject:** Operation ROCHESTER

25/09/2006

Carmen

This is an operation that Paul Close is working with Det Supt Williams on, and which our ACC has a close interest in. Paul has taken advice from David Perry, and I understand we will not be prosecuting in a case involving multiple suspicious deaths in a local hospital.

I would appreciate a call from you when convenient to talk about meetings with families, and handling the local media. My mobile is

All the best

Nick