

Operation ROCHESTER

Family Group Members Investigation Update Bulletin No. 4 – 28th January 2004

Visit by DC Code A

By now all of you who wished to see our Family Liaison Officer, DC Code A Code A have been visited by her and have been given the opportunity to be updated on any information which you previously provided to us. She will also have discussed with you the various methods that we are considering of informing you of the clinical teams findings in respect of which category your loved one falls into. Copy patient records have been provided to those of you who requested them.

Notification of Clinical Team findings

All of you who were seen by DC Code A have indicated your preferred method of notification of the clinical teams findings. I will be writing to you very soon in order to confirm this and to be sure that you have not had a change of mind. Once that has been done we will be in contact with you again to inform you which category your loved one's case falls into.

Media

You may be aware of recent publicity in the local media regarding the Operation ROCHESTER investigation, which highlighted concerns that some of you have. The Deputy Chief Constable, Ian Readhead, and the Senior Investigating Officer of the enquiry, Detective Chief Superintendent Watts, have both prepared letters which are attached to this bulletin and are intended to provide you with reassurance and clarity as to the conduct of this investigation.

Investigation

In the meantime, the investigation is being conducted professionally and as expeditiously as possible. This is a complex investigation and we have said from the onset will take time to complete. We have had, and will continue to have, meetings with the Crown Prosecution Service in London. During these meetings the strategy we are pursuing in respect of our investigation has been discussed and agreed.

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Nigel Niven
Deputy Senior Investigating Officer