

OPERATION ROCHESTER

MINUTES OF MEETING 18/10/2004

**PRESENT. DET.CH. SUPT. WATTS. D.C.I. NIVEN.
D.I. KENNY**

Code A

APOLOGIES. DET. SUPT. WILLIAMS. Code A

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INSP. KENNY

(REF. THE ACTION REVIEW) THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ACTIONS OUTSTANDING AND THE MAIN THRUST OF THEIR COMPLETION IS BEING DIRECTED TOWARDS THE CASES WHICH ARE TO BE FAST TRACKED.

DCI. NIVEN.

SPOKE REF. THE IMPENDING INITIAL INTERVIEW WITH DR. BARTON REGARDING THE LOCATION AND STRATEGY ETC.

Code A ARE TO BE THE DESIGNATED INTERVIEWING OFFICERS AND THEY ARE PREPARING THE FINAL STAGES OF THEIR APPROACH ETC.

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REF. FAMILY LIASON. A NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HAVE THE HASLAR NOTES RELEASED TO THE POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ENQUIRY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEDICAL EXPERTS.

A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE PORTSMOUTH EVENING NEWS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE CAUSED SOME UNREST WITH SOME OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS

DCI. NIVEN.

MENTIONED CONTACT WITH THE CORONER (MR. HORSLEY) AND THE FACT THAT SOME DISCLOSURE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE G.M.C. AND SIMILAR DISCLOSURE WILL BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALEXANDER HARRIS, THE STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY AND THE APPROPRIATE PRIMARY CARE TRUST TO UPDATE THEM WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION.

EXPERT EVIDENCE STILL AWAITS CLARIFICATION FROM MR. LOHN REF. THE GRADING ON CERTAIN CASES.

THE REMAINING CATEGORY 2 CASES ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN SO BUT THIS HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GILLIAN MACKENZIE HAS RAISED AN ISSUE CHALLENGING THE ACCURACY OF SOME NURSING RECORDS, BUT THE RELEVANT STATEMENTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE IN ORDER.

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REQUESTS THAT AS AND WHEN A DEFINITIVE DECISION IS MADE REGARDING GLADYS RICHARDS, THAT A PERSONAL VISIT BE MADE TO GILLIAN MACKENZIE AND LESLY RICHARDS, BY A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE ENQUIRY TEAM TO EXPLAIN ANY DECISION TO THEM.

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IT IS HOPED THAT A LETTER WILL BE PREPARED AND SENT OUT TO ALL REMAINING CATEGORY 2 CASES IN NOVEMBER.

MR. NIVEN WILL BE SEEING ANNE ALEXANDER THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS THE CATEGORY 2 CASES AND ANY IMPACT THAT THE DECISION MAY HAVE ON THE RELEVANT FAMILY MEMBERS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CATEGORY 2 CASES WILL BE FINALISED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL CONCERNED SHOULD BE AWARE OF ANY PUBLICITY WHICH MAY COME FROM THE DECISIONS AND IT IS VITAL THAT THE RELEVANT FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE THE RESPECTIVE INFORMATION PRIOR TO ANY PRESS RELEASE ETC.

THE MATTER OF CIVIL ISSUE MAY ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

MR. RIPLEY WAS SPOKEN OF TO A POINT THAT THE POLICE MAY ASSIST HIM IN ANY CIVIL CLAIM SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

THERE MAY BE NEED TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE CATEGORY 3 CASES WITH ANNE ALEXANDER AS AND WHEN.

ALL APPEARS TO BE WELL WITH THE H.O.L.M.E.S. OPERATOR **Code A ALTHOUGH HE MAY BE ABSENT OCCASIONALLY DUE TO HIS NEW SUPERVISORY ROLE.**

MR. NIVEN SPOKE OF THE CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION AND WAS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT HIS SPENDING HAD BEEN WELL MANAGED AND THAT, DUE TO PRUDENCE THE ENQUIRY WAS STILL WITHIN THE SET MARGINS.

WITH REGARDS TO THE ENQUIRY POLICY, A COPY OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN SENT TO MR SMITH, A.C.C. AS GOLD COMMAND.

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SPOKE OF THE WITNESSES WHO HAVE BEEN SEEN AND WHO WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE NOTHING ILL TO SAY OF DR. BARTON AND OF OTHERS WHO, IN THE PAST, HAVE HAD DAMAGE TO THEIR CARS AFTER TALKING TO THE POLICE.

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IN REPLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOODWILL OF SOME OF THE HOSPITALS STAFF MAY DIMINISH IN THE PROGRESS OF THE ENQUIRY BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN SO MANY TIMES AND THEY MAY TIRE OF IT ALL.

MEMBERS OF THE K C T HAVE BEEN SENT LETTERS OF THANKS FOR THEIR WORK AND SUPPORT

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WITH REGARDS TO ANY SUSPECT INTERVIEWS A DEVELOPED MEDIA STRATEGY SHOLD BE PUT ITO PLACE AND THE INTERVIEWING TEAM SHOLD BE CONTENT WITH THE INTERVIEW STRATEGY

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE METHOD OF APPROACH TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE INTERVIEW AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE SUSPECT SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT THE INTERVIEW WAS IN CONNECTION WITH UNLAWFUL KILLING.

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REQUESTED THAT THE MINUTES RECORD HIS PERSONAL THANKS TO THE 'OPERATION ROCHESTER' TEAM FOR ALL OF THEIR PAST AND CONTINUING HARD WORK. THE ENQUIRY WAS AT A STAGE WHERE COMPLEXITIES HAD BEEN OVERCOME BY THE WORK OF THE TEAM AND THEY HAD GAINED THE RESPECT OF STAKEHOLDERS AND PROFESSIONALS BY THEIR ATTITUDE AND COMMITMENT.

"I REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE SUPPORT OF ALL CONCERNED IN THIS ENQUIRY"

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APPOLOGIES

AC. REVIEW

Code A

- core of act. remain
42 left one stem fast track

159 ALLOC

38 Device related

53 - PITT

56 LAV

Plan most towards Device

NIV -

INTERVIEWS - negotiaty

Burt has info - will contact
vs - he is name of plan

room at - has been viewed etc

inter at 1st opportunity when
up - and

Can Y & Geog will interview
- they aware of strategy

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- Jan 1 case -
Hudson notes request out to
Farm members

News article has caused
wrest with members

Hudson notes for benefit of
medical exper 5

Shareholder Nigel

HORSEY

- letter to comm re info to
AOC & N/Auditing & disclose
to them

written to all Hain & Stacy with
action & Proving care cost
to update correct sit.

Nigel
expert evidence

avoiding clarification re grade for
MAT LOTHN on care cases

no change of category ref 2's
but avoiding confusion -

Will McKenzie - issue of accuracy
of News records ref Gray
but statements do not challenge it

Mr ~~W~~ ~~John~~ to Mr Mr & Rich (3)
but will receive periodical visit
reg the involve of the welfare

Night - taken to sunny 2 cats
in November hopefully

wed - Night to meet Ann Alex
discuss cat cases
implications - impact from
the relatives

hope to be rid of 2s - 2/3 weeks
- be aware of publicity even
clients have the information
with Ann Alex

discuss issue of civil matters
which may arise

Ann Alex

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request non Alex clients be
sent letter of info - ref
any decis - as opposed to
information being included on
a booklet.

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matter discussed as to best method
of doing so

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no issues to be covered to numbers
- A Alex ~~with~~ to help in matter.

Ripley - discussed - assist as we
can ref. any civil claim.

CAT 3 cases - to be discussed with
A Alex. - all will
be dealt with as ~~others~~ / scrolling

Home issues OK - Code A will
be assist accordingly so
no problem at present

Ant at solution

Week ahead - actions out
finances - program / capex
may for clinical target 150-205K
if 200K-CAPX gone - product of spent

Reminder to good further sub
analysis

Budget well - hand managed.
within budget

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OT - no problem with overtime

copy to our section of policies etc.
as Gold command

~~No other business - close~~



MR W ^{ILLIAMS} - EIS handler - witnesses wanted
appear to be in - efficient
- support of Barrow & stay

following posting ^{witnesses} cons damaged

MR NIV
possible that goodwill will diminish
as enquiry progresses - they are seen
on a number of ~~times~~ times

^{members}
RC Team have been sent personal letters

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MRW

INTS.

Develop a Media Strategy - place

Officers connect with INT Strategy?

Discuss - method of approach to
certain aspects of interview.

INT on untargeted visiting.

Thanks of MRW to Team
for all hard work- position and have overcome
complexitiesattitude of joint / share / progress.
have gained respectMRW remains committed to support
of all concerned.