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**From:** Grocott, David  
**Sent:** 23 December 2009 10:57  
**To:** Dinnell, Shirley  
**Subject:** Op Rochester

Ma'am,

Yesterday I met with senior CPS lawyers in London to discuss the progress of Op Rochester.

In brief the current position is that the transcripts from both the inquests and GMC hearings are currently being reviewed by senior treasury counsel David Perry QC (The barrister involved with the investigation for the last 9 years). The earliest expected completion being possibly Feb 2010.

I have completed my review of the GMC hearings and I am satisfied that there are no new lines of investigation disclosed, sufficient to address the issues of causation raised in 2006. (report attached) CPS are of a similar mind, in confidence.

I have received an undertaking that when Counsels views are known this will be forwarded to HantsPol for consideration and discussion prior to any notification to the families. We won't be placed in the same predicament as we were back in 2006 when CPS told the families before us.

During the latter phases of 2006 ACC Watts formed a Gold Group to discuss a number of issues connected with the investigation and communication to the public. I think it may be prudent to consider this option again either chaired by yourself or another?

At the end of January the GMC will deliver it's findings as to Dr Barton's conduct. We will be asked for a response. In addition we can expect one of two options when Counsel has concluded his advice, either there is nothing to warrant charges or there is a need for further work. I think we should have a prepared response. Simon Clements the head of Special Crime Division at CPS HQ has offered to assist on any group. I think this is a real benefit and would prevent any communication failures.

I would be happy to discuss further if you require

Happy Xmas

Dave



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