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David,

As dicussed a heads up to the rest of the ACPO team.

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From: WATTS, Steve
Sent: 16 August 2005 12:17
To: Readhead, Ian
Cc: Cole, Simon
Subject: Rochester

Ian,

For info, I undertook a 'Gold' review of OP Rochester this morning - I am very content with progress.

One issue arose of which you should be aware; We have now reached a point where there is nowhere else to go in relation to the investigation of the death of Mrs Gladys Richards, mother of Mrs McKenzie. In summary, the case has now since been examined by 9 independent medical experts, a medico-legal expert, on three occasions reviewed by the GMC and twice by the CPS.

All agree that whilst the standard of care was not optimal, that her death was due to natural causes.

On Thursday it is intended to advise Mrs McKenzie that we do not propose to carry out any further investigation as all enquiries are at an end. This will be done sensitively in person by Dave Williams and Nigel Niven who will go through in detail the investigation and rationale for our decision. An additional significant issue is that next Sunday (21/8) s the seventh anniversary of the death of Mrs Richards.

Clearly the above is likely to generate more public and media statements by Mrs McKenzie and possibly a complaint to the IPCC.

A media strategy will be put in place that will be reviewed by me and all stakeholders will be informed.

I am content that we have done more than could reasonably be expected in this particular investigation as part of the wider Rochester enquiry. The decision process is fully documented with clear rationales at each stage. It is now time for us, having sensitively informed Mrs McKenzie of our decision to robustly hold that line and to manage disengagement with her.

For info should you receive calls as I am sure you will.

Regards
 SW