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Station : **Fratton**

Division : **Eastern**

Department : **Major Crime Team**

Date : **19 June 2002**

Subject : **Operation Rochester - Complainant Mr Ian WILSON**

Addressee :
Chief Superintendent Stevens

This report concerns Operation Rochester and issues concerning one of the original complainants Mr Ian WILSON of

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Mr WILSON was one of those persons who contacted the police in March 2001 expressing concerns about the death of his father at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. He was one of the persons I saw in February 2002 and advised that no further police investigation was to be conducted into the circumstances of his father's death. I heard no more from Mr WILSON after that meeting took place. I was aware in May this year that a number of complaints had been made about my conduct during the course of the Rochester investigation. Indeed I was served a Regulation 9 notice in respect of these matters on the 22nd May. That notice contained the names of 5 complainants. Mr WILSON was not one of them.

Elements of Operation Rochester remain live and as a result of local publicity a number of members of the public have contacted the enquiry team to establish the current position. I am responsible for contacting these people. During the evening of Friday 24th May I was engaged on such matters. I had also been forwarded a copy of a message from Gosport (copy attached), which had been raised after Mr WILSON had attended the station and spoke to the enquiry officer.

The note was ambiguous and I decided to contact Mr WILSON to offer advice and/or ascertain the precise nature of his enquiry. I had checked that he was not one of the complainants listed in the Regulation 9 notice before making contact. He was not and during the early evening of the 24th May I had a telephone conversation with him.

During the course of that conversation Mr WILSON made a number of remarks, some repeatedly, that I wish to draw to your attention.

- 1) That he, and/or the other complainants, motivation and declared intention in making their formal complaints was to discredit me and bring about my removal from any responsibility for Operation Rochester. That this would lead to a newly appointed SIO and a new investigation commencing.
- 2) That he, and/or the other complainants, motivation and intention in pursuing the complaints were to "destroy your career" and/or "wreck your career". That this was a

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parallel intention to a similar outcome desired in respect of Dr BARTON the principle focus of Rochester enquiries.

- 3) That he, and/or the other complainants, had received information that I had an interest in a business providing care for the elderly and that this interest may account for a perceived reluctance on my part to properly pursue any investigative matters.

I would like to make it clear that I had no grounds for supposing that Mr WILSON had made any formal complaint about me before I contacted him.

I wish to draw to your attention my particular concerns arising from my conversation with Mr WILSON.

- 1) That his, and/or the other complainants, motivation in registering complaints against me has the explicit intention of undermining my professional integrity within the organisation.
- 2) That his, and/or the other complainants, motivation and intention in pursuing complaints is, in part, to have me removed from any responsibility for Operation Rochester and another SIO appointed.
- 3) That the highly personal nature of the repeated remarks that he and/or the other complainants seek an outcome that would "destroy my career" I find disturbing.
- 4) I did during my career break from the Force have a properly declared business interest in providing care for adults with learning disabilities. That interest was declared before I commenced the career break. I no longer have any interest in that business which is small scale and owned entirely by my parents-in-law.
- 5) I am concerned that information concerning the above was known to few people most of whom, given my declaration before commencing my career break, are Force employees.
- 6) I am therefore concerned that a member of the Force is providing personal information about me to Mr WILSON and/or the other complainants.

Whilst performing SIO responsibilities for Operation Rochester I have had to refute allegations put to me that I have:

- i) Been prevented by others from conducting an ethical and thorough investigation.
- ii) Deliberately and consciously decided not to conduct a thorough investigation given the status of those subject of enquiry, i.e. doctors.
- iii) Entered into agreements with others, senior police officers, representatives of the Crown Prosecution Service and Treasury Counsel, to prevent the proper prosecution of person's subject of investigation in Operation Rochester.



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Most, if not all, of those allegations have been highly personal and clearly called into question my personal integrity. I believe that I have dealt with these personal allegations sensitively and in a non-confrontational manner recognising the personal and emotional needs of those making the remarks.

However, in light of the public complaints made and the remarks of Mr WILSON I have commented upon I consider it appropriate to provide this report for your information and the information of the investigating officer if you consider that necessary.

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Detective Superintendent

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