

Mr P Close
Crown Prosecution Service
Casework Directorate
50 Ludgate Hill
London EC4M 7EX

10 January 2007

Dear Sir

Hampshire Police – Operation Rochester:

I am considering whether to exercise my powers under Section 8 of the Coroners Act 1988 to investigate and hold inquests into the deaths of the ten persons in respect of which prosecution proceedings have been considered by the CPS.

To assist me in my decision, I should like to have sight of all Instructions to Counsel and Counsels' Opinions obtained by the CPS in relation to these ten deaths. Hampshire Police have informed me that they have requested these documents but their requests have been refused by the CPS. I should be most grateful if you could supply me with copies of all such Instructions and Opinions at the earliest opportunity.

There is intense local and media interest in these deaths. Therefore the prompt co-operation of the CPS in this regard would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

David C Horsley
Tel: 023 9268 8326

Email: