

20. By the time the case was mentioned in early January police had been unable to obtain medical evidence which fully supported Andrea McKee's assertion that her child was suffering from mumps and had been brought to the doctor and diagnosed with mumps during the weekend of 19, 20 and 21 December. Medical evidence was obtained which showed that she had visited her own doctor with her son [REDACTED] on 1 December 2003 when he was diagnosed as having an ear infection and the *possibility* of mumps. Further enquiries showed that her own doctor had visited her home on 11 December 2003 when Sammy was again found to be suffering from an ear infection and the *possibility* of mumps as well. She again visited her own doctor on 22 December 2003, the day when she should have been in Craigavon Court, when [REDACTED] was diagnosed again as having an ear infection in both ears.
21. While police were seeking proof of the child's condition, Andrea informed them that on the evening of Friday 19 December 2003 because of the child's high temperature she had visited the Pendine Park out of hours clinic in Wrexham where they saw a lady doctor.
22. At the request of PSNI, Wrexham CID checked records at Pendine Park and could find no record of Andrea [REDACTED] contacting or attending the clinic over the week-end commencing 19 December.
23. Police expressed the opinion that they still believed that Andrea was genuine, that the letter posed a real threat. Consequently on 9 January Christine Smyth, Ivor Morrison again interviewed Andrea in Wrexham. During this consultation, Andrea asserted that she had in fact visited Pendine Surgery on 19 December. She had spoken to a female who may have been a receptionist and the child was seen by a grey haired doctor. When asked whether as a consequence of the threatening letter she was still prepared to give evidence she indicated that she would give evidence if she was moved from her current address which was now known but she did not wish to move from the Wrexham area.
24. J [REDACTED] and D/Sergeant John Munn, Crime Department, spoke to Andrea Jones and her partner Adel [REDACTED] in their home in relation to the threatening letter and the Witness Protection Scheme. She stated that she was still willing to give evidence so long as she moved house although she emphasised that she would not move away from the Wrexham area.
25. Statements were recorded from the three doctors on duty for Pendine Park out of hours surgery for the period 6.00 pm on the 19 December 2003 – 8.00 am on 20 December 2003. They have no recollection of Andrea Jones, her son or partner having attending the surgery. The receptionist on duty for this period has no recollection of anyone by these names or description having been treated at Pendine during that period.
26. The doctors and receptionist on duty the next night similarly have no recollection of them.