

14. The outcome of the meeting on 15th January 2004 was that there would be another meeting between ADI H, Detective Superintendent [REDACTED] and myself before referral of the case to ACC Crime for decision. It was agreed that the witness would be seen regarding entry into the programme.
15. Permission to travel to Wales was granted on 21st January 2004 and on 27th January 2004 I travelled to Wrexham with DC J to meet Andrea McKee. I met her at her home address in the presence of her partner. I made a notebook entry of the meeting which is at page 74245 and I have refreshed my memory from a report I prepared following the meeting for Detective Superintendent [REDACTED] which is dated 4th February 2004 and is at page 74242. At interview I was shown a copy of the rough notes made by DC J which are at page 58382.
16. DC J's notes at page 58382 say, "*Stated that DS Munn would outline criteria ref witness protection programme. 1 Serious case, 2 Paramilitary involvement, 3 Giving evidence. Criteria met as above*". This reflects the assessment that Andrea McKee met the criteria for entering the witness protection programme. Because the threat had been sent to her home address, that address had been compromised and so she needed to be relocated.
17. I do remember talking to Andrea McKee about relocation. My recommendation to her was that she move some distance away from that locality. She was not sure whether she was prepared to do that. She gave the reason that she had commitments in the area. Her mother lived in the same locality. DC J's notes indicate Andrea's preferred option of remaining in her local area: "*Move house but remaining in locality – through family ties College/University/Parents/Son (????) etc etc etc*". The report submitted by Detective Superintendent [REDACTED]'s to ACC Crime on 5th February 2004 (at page 74243) explains her commitments to the area more fully at paragraphs 4 and 5.
18. Andrea was asked at that meeting to consider all her options. She was told that if she did not want to move from the general area she would receive assistance from the investigation team who would liaise with the local police in the area. She would not receive any assistance from the witness protection team if she chose not to relocate because in those circumstances she would not meet the criteria for entry into the witness protection programme. Entry into the programme is entirely voluntary and it is up to the