

10. On 9 January 2004, I had another consultation with Andrea McKee at Wrexham police station. Ivor Morrison, Acting Detective Superintendent **K** and Acting Detective Sergeant **H** were in attendance. I did take a note of that consultation, which contains page numbers **33991** to **33997**. This is the only written note that I made of any consultation between myself and Andrea McKee. The reason for this consultation was an issue over her attendance at Pendine Park Surgery, where she said she had taken her child on the night of 19 December 2003. By that date, I do not believe the police had completed their inquiries into the reason for Andrea's non-attendance on 22 December 2003. They had carried out some inquiries but further inquiries were carried out following the meeting on 9 January 2004. I cannot be sure what further inquiries the police made but I was aware by then that there was a question over her attendance at Pendine Park Surgery. At that stage no statements had been received from Pendine Park but they had been contacted and had indicated that there was no record of any visit to the out of hours clinic. I do not think that the delay in obtaining these statements was any fault of the police; I think they acted as expeditiously as they could, particularly given that it was a different jurisdiction. I was particularly concerned to get the details of her child's illness because I had told the court the reason for non-attendance, which may have been misleading.

11. I think we had received the statement of Dr [REDACTED] dated 13 December 2003 by the time of the consultation. He said that he had seen Andrea's child on 11 December 2003 at home for an ear infection, but not on 19 December 2003. This was totally inadequate as regards to satisfying the court for the reason for the adjournment in that there was no reference to 19 December 2003 and the reason he saw the child on 11 December was an ear infection, not for the reason Andrea had given the police. The Prosecution felt that we needed more information on this from Andrea and so we arranged the consultation on 9 January 2004. At that consultation, there was also mention of a threatening letter dated 19 December 2003 and received by Andrea on 23 December 2003 but it was Acting Detective Superintendent **K** who asked her about that.