

12. I came away from that consultation with a very different impression of Andrea McKee to the one I had before. I had real concerns about her credibility from that point on. Her attitude at that stage was that she still wished to give evidence, but on her terms. She stated that she was a willing witness, but I did not feel that her terms could be met, that they were unrealistic. I got the impression that she would have been quite happy not to have to give evidence.
13. The police officers I spoke to were very anxious to ensure that Andrea McKee attended court to give her evidence. They were keen for the case to proceed whereas I, as a lawyer, was looking at it from a different angle.
14. I had a brief discussion with the others who had attended the consultation about the future conduct of the case which was to the effect that the police would carry out further inquiries in relation to Pendine Park Surgery to ascertain whether or not she could have gone there. I understood the police were also to follow up on the threatening letter and whether or not they could offer Andrea some sort of witness protection which would meet her requirements. She was adamant that she would not leave Wrexham because her partner, son and mother were there so relocation was not a realistic option. She was happy to move to another address in Wrexham but it had to be a certain area and near her mother. To me that did not seem at all practical and it also made me question the authenticity of the threat to some extent. Furthermore, she had told a woman from Portadown, called Glynis Finnegan, about the letter and I got the impression that if Andrea was still in contact with this woman then no matter what the police did to relocate her, she could be found. The police took the letter seriously and carried out what investigations they could to ascertain its provenance. The letter purported to come from the LVF but, from recollection, there was something in it that led the police to think it was not them.
15. On 17 February 2004, I attended another consultation to discuss the case. It was held at Ivor Morrison's office in Belfast. Gerald Simpson QC, Ivor Morrison, and I think Acting Detective Superintendent **K** and Detective Constable