

consultation had to deal with the developing concerns about the details of her son's illness and treatment, particularly the visit to Pendine Park, and the effect of the threatening letter upon Andrea's willingness to give evidence. Ms Smith questioned Andrea about her son's illness. Andrea expanded upon any information we had previously been given. She seemed to attribute his condition to receiving the MMR vaccine some months previously. Among the things that she said was that her doctor had been worried by the swelling of the boy's testicles although this had not been mentioned in either statement by Dr [REDACTED]. At Pendine she said that the boy was seen by a male doctor who "felt round his neck, listened to his chest and said to keep giving him Calpol". She also said that at Pendine she was carrying her son and "Doctor opened the door – old- grey hair. Didn't see receptionist making notes she could have done. Dr didn't take any notes when we were there."

18. DCI K [REDACTED] questioned Andrea about the threatening letter. She said that she had not known to expect the letter in advance. She was concerned that her present address was known by whoever sent it. She did not now wish to give evidence unless she was moved to a different address, but would not move away from Wrexham and would be reluctant to give up contact with her friend Glyness in Portadown. I understood that the conditions she placed on a move would have made it impossible for police to place her in a witness protection scheme.
19. On 13 February 2004 I wrote to Gerald Simpson QC inviting him to a consultation with police and Ms Smith on 17 February. (See letter page 33984). The purpose of this meeting was to bring Mr Simpson up to date with developments in this case. On 26 February I attended a meeting with the Director, the Senior Assistant Director and Gerald Simpson QC at which the issues affecting Andrea were discussed. I refer to my file note (pages 33979-33980) and a page of handwritten contemporaneous notes. (33976/7) The Director at this meeting said that he had to be sure that he had taken every proper step to advance the case and he expressed the view that in all the circumstances Andrea McKee may remain credible on the main