

020304 5.45pm

Persons present Mr G SIMPSON QC

Mr I MORRISON

[REDACTED]
DC P MURPHY

ANDREA [REDACTED]

Intro - Mr Simpson introduced himself to Andrea and informed her he was senior counsel in the case. Went on to discuss the issue of Andrea saying she visited Pendine surgery out of hours and the fact that none of the doctors or receptionists can remember her visit. Also telephone records cannot confirm that calls were made.

Mr Simpson asked Andrea did she know why this could be.

Andrea said that she told [REDACTED] already that she might have used a mobile that she has since given to her niece.

Mr Simpson stated that this might account for a telephone call but not for the fact that there is no record of Andrea being at Pendine. He explained that the Police had carried out investigations and that these would show that she had not been there.

Mr Simpson asked Andrea was she at Pendine.

Andrea said she had since discussed this matter with her partner and they don't know why there are no records.

Mr Simpson said there was another issue - The medical on the Tuesday relating to her job. He asked Andrea when was that arranged. Andrea couldn't recall but said that she had received a letter about it some time before.

Mr Simpson asked Andrea whom she left the child with when she went for the medical and she replied that she had left the child with her mother. Mr Simpson then asked how she was able to leave the child on the Tuesday but not on the Monday. Andrea stated that she felt she could leave the child on the Tuesday but not for the whole day on the Monday.

Mr Simpson again asked if there was any chance that she hadn't gone to Pendine. Andrea replied, 'NO'.

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Mr Simpson said that Andrea had described the doctor as being "grey haired" and informed her that there was no grey haired doctor at Pendine. He also said that nobody could find any evidence of Andrea having been at Pendine.

Andrea replied, " All I can say is that my son wasn't well. There was a grey haired man and Edele took [REDACTED] in I waited outside". Mr Simpson said that he understood but that it was surprising that there was no record of her having been there.

Mr Simpson again reiterated the fact that there were six doctors and two receptionists and none of them could recall Andrea being at the surgery. Combined with that was the fact that there were no telephone records. He went on to say that there was no evidence that Andrea was telling the truth.

Andrea replied, " as far as I'm concerned my son wasn't well and I didn't feel I had to justify that".

Mr Simpson then told her that she would be pressed very hard that this was a lie to get her out of giving evidence.

Mr Simpson then spoke about a letter Andrea had received in the post and asked her was it received out of the blue.

Andrea replied, "Yes"

Mr Simpson then asked Andrea if she had been in contact with any friend since she got the letter and she replied, "Yes one - Glynis".

Mr Simpson asked if Glynis knew where Andrea lived and she replied that she did. He then asked if Andrea moved house would Glynis still know where she lived. Andrea replied "well"

Mr Simpson then asked Andrea why when Ms Murphy phoned her on the Friday before she was due to come to court she did not mention the fact that her son was sick. Andrea replied that she didn't know and that she hadn't realised that she hadn't mentioned it.

Mr Simpson asked Andrea was she expecting not to come and she replied "no".

Mr Simpson again asked Andrea why she did not mention the fact that her son was sick to Ms Murphy when she called her and Andrea replied that she didn't know and that there were days when he was worse than others. Mr Simpson said that he couldn't understand why she didn't mention it. He asked her did she know Miss Murphy well and did she know why she was ringing and Andrea replied that she did - that they had met once before. Mr Simpson persisted with the question "Why did she not mention it and Andrea said "I know its frustrating" Mr Simpson said "It's more than frustrating it's difficult and it's a problem for us"

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Mr Morrison then spoke to Andrea and said "Well you know that this issue about Pendine is causing a big problem. If there's anything else you can tell us we need to know."

Mr Simpson then asked Andrea if the grey haired doctor she referred to was a man and Andrea said that it was but it was Edele who had gone in with [REDACTED]

Mr Simpson spoke again about Pendine having no records and enquired why there would be no telephone calls recorded. Andrea said that it may be because her phone was not BT.

Mr Morrison said "You told Patricia on the Sunday that the child had mumps and swollen testicles - is that right?" Andrea replied "Yes that's what Doctor Barker said. He said he hadn't seen mumps for many years."

Mr Simpson then asked Andrea why she had said at one stage that it was a lady doctor she saw at Pendine. Andrea said "No it was a lady doctor who phoned back to the house after an hour."

Mr Simpson stated that there was a problem in that there was no corroboration for what Andrea was saying and asked her again if it was not the case that she was not at Pendine. Andrea said "No my partner and I took [REDACTED] up and I took him again on the Monday - I don't know about the records. Mr Simpson said "Yes that was the Monday you were to give evidence" Andrea replied "Yes".

Mr Simpson asked Andrea when did she get the appointment for the Monday and she said she had to ring up on the Monday morning before 8.30am.

A further discussion took place about the telephone calls made to the surgery and what phone she had used.

Mr Morrison then spoke to Andrea about the letter she had received through the post and asked her what her conditions now were about giving evidence.

Andrea stated that she was fully committed to giving evidence but she had to feel safe. Mr Morrison asked what would make her feel safe and she said "an address where I would feel safe and that nobody knows"

Mr Simpson enquired if Andrea would not live outside of Wrexham and she said no. She gave reasons as to why she wouldn't leave Wrexham - ie both her and her partner both study there.

Mr Simpson then asked again about Glynis and asked would Andrea contact her again and if she was a close friend. Andrea said she would stop contacting Glynis if it was a matter of her security but she is a close friend- a good friend.

Consultation ended 6.15pm

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