

**Notes on Meeting at Wrexham Police Station on  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

Present: Christine Smith BL  
Ivor Morrison, Assistant Director DPP  
K [REDACTED]  
H [REDACTED]  
Andrea McKee –witness.

**Andrea asked by Christine Smith to relate history of son's illness:**

**Stated:**

He started being unwell from start of December, I think it was all coming from MMR injection which he had a few months back – his neck swoll up, Doctor said it was a good thing, showed vaccination working and his body was fighting infection. Swelling went away then neck started swelling again at start of December, child had not been well for good couple of months.

He was off nursery.

I was off college aas I had tonsillitis, I think it was second week in December – I saw [REDACTED]. I was off college for two weeks, saw doctor in early December, he said child had the mumps, at that time Amoxicillin was prescribed, 5 day course, child spat most of it out. Antibiotic did not help, went back to doctor again – second visit- at surgery, different antibiotic given. Then [REDACTED] paid house visit. I was still not well. He prescribed nose drops and 3<sup>rd</sup> antibiotic. Doctor was worried about swelling of his testicles – orchitis, were swollen before, said it went along with mumps, but was not too dangerous because he had had MMR. Visit was some time after second week in December. Doctor said I had to be more forceful in giving medicine, child had lost weight and was to be given sugar drinks with calories in them.

Wednesday or Thursday of second week that I was off.

Taking medicine. Night when temperature very high – I didn't know whether I could give Calpol as well as antibiotics, went to late night surgery.

I phone surgery and I go direct to late night surgery – bounces on – automatically redirected to Pendine Park Nursing Home/ Doctor's surgery. Phoned quite late – after 11pm. [REDACTED] spoke to someone.

Told to give him Calpol and they would phone back after an hour to see how he was. When they phoned temperature still too high so we took him in, [redacted] me and child to Pendine Park.

I don't know who [redacted] spoke to – don't know if he knows who he spoke to. Lady doctor phoned back because I had spoken to her before. I think it was a doctor.

At initial discussion have to give all details. [redacted] did this

I spoke to Lady doctor – don't know if she introduced herself. I'm sure she is a doctor because I spoke to her before. Not sure if she gave name I don't think so.

Think it was Friday night after 11pm. At Pendine Park early hours of Saturday morning "18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>" would've been. (Actually 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>)

Nothing sticks in mind to make me sure was Friday. On Saturday I was leaving him with my Mum, sure I would've gone out shopping, because I do that every Saturday.

I started back at College, Finished on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. I was there Mon/Tues and Wednesday morning – my Mum looked after [redacted]

Lady doctor asked what medication he was on and said just to keep giving Calpol, reduce his clothing and keep a damp flannel on him – she rang back after hour and said to bring him in. We took him over to surgery on her advice. Went to Pendine Park in car, a distance of about 1 – 1 1/2 miles.

Receptionist was female, not many people there, they were waiting for us, went in, doctor said bring him through – male doctor – can't remember name. He felt round his neck, listened to his chest, said to keep giving him Calpol, if no improvement go back to own doctor.

Went there on Monday, saw [redacted], she gave penicillin – made him better – full course before swelling went down from neck – appetite back.

Contacted police on Sunday.

I was off 2 weeks, first 2 weeks in December, missed 10 days.

Started not getting well was Tuesday – day Ramadan finished, around 27<sup>th</sup> November – must have been Thursday. [redacted] took [redacted] to Mosque – picked him up. Had been to doctor about it.

Few days at home unwell before I went to doctor myself, can't remember when.

At College 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> – just handing in assignments not full days. Child was with my Mum one day, with me a couple of hours. One day stayed in nursery for hour or two, can't remember which

day. Mumps not contagious at that stage when neck ? [REDACTED]  
couldn't believe was seeing mumps – said hadn't seen it for over 10  
years.

At Pendine surgery, I was carrying [REDACTED] [REDACTED] spoke to  
receptionist. Receptionist could've been person I spoke to on phone.  
Doctor opened door – old – grey hair. Didn't see receptionist making  
notes she could've done. Doctor didn't take any notes when we were  
there.

(Asked if busy) Had to take my Mum there one time – don't think it's a  
very good sort of place.

Last time consulted doctor – [REDACTED] – child now recovered –  
seems fine and well enough now.

Normally [REDACTED] in Creceh, sometimes Mum would look after him.  
Throughout illness he was wanting me.

Didn't mention to [REDACTED] had been to Pendine Park. She said his  
glands were swollen – she didn't say mumps.

Purely mumps type testicles. I noticed slightly swollen. Had cold  
runny nose/ cough – doctor raised issue re testicles.

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Andrea spoken to by <sup>K</sup> [REDACTED] re Threatening  
Letter received:

Stated:

Received letter on Tuesday. I'd gone for my medical that day. [REDACTED]  
was at home with his Dad. There is a curtain over the door and I had  
to shake it. It could've been there when I left. There was a Christmas  
card with it as well.

Asked how felt – it totally really shocked me – didn't expect it at all –  
after so long. Not sure, but only thing which might be connected, had  
a couple of quiet phone calls. I told Kevin about it – couple of times  
when off over Christmas, in early afternoon. In total about half dozen  
silent phone calls. Couple over December. Maybe week or two  
before letter – [REDACTED] noticed it, always during day – none at night.  
Phone is in name of [REDACTED]

The only person in Portadown I am in touch with is Glenys (Finnegan). Occasional phone calls. I would ring her more because of free minutes – I normally use mobile. We would speak every week. No contact with anyone else. I told Glenys letter had come. Before received letter spoke to Glenys week before or in week leading up to it. Any time I have been over to NI Glenys has known about it. I would mention to her at some stage.

Silent calls were to the house. Glenys returns calls, she texts me and occasionally would ring the house. I ring her on the house phone.

I said to Glenys I'd got letter. She knew I was really worried and that it was not a nice thing to have happened. She didn't ask what I was going to do about it and I haven't indicated to her what I'm going to do about it. She hasn't mentioned it

My niece is with her at the minute. I spoke to her on Monday or Tuesday night – nothing was discussed regarding the letter or the court case.

Worried and frightened by letter. Nobody else in NI knows about it.

My sister's daughter is 16 and is friendly with Glenys's son [REDACTED]. They, [REDACTED] were friendly when I lived in Portadown, have maintained relationship.

Glenys has been over to see me twice. She lives on her own with her son. She was living with [REDACTED] – she left him in September. Now lives in [REDACTED] and is far happier away from him.

Glenys has been very supportive to me over court case, says I've got to do what I have to do – no-one wants to see Robbie get his desserts more. She was sorry to see Michael go to court/prison. She would hate to see Michael go to court and Robbie walk free.

Andrea told that we have reached crucial moment in whole thing by <sup>K</sup> [REDACTED] and asked what she feels about giving evidence now:

Stated:

Fact that they know where I live worries me.

I was happy to go to court and give evidence because I felt safe. It would be very hard to contemplate giving evidence if I am living at that address.

If I lived at a different address there would be no problem at all.

I feel like a sitting duck at that address.

She confirmed that her mother lives in street behind her – [REDACTED] and that her sister lives in the town at [REDACTED]. She also has two brothers who have homes in the town, but are builders and often away.

Glenys knows her Mum and family circumstances.

**Explained that police can relocate her to another area**

**Stated:**

I have to stay in Wrexham because of the situation. [REDACTED] graduates in summer, may go to Manchester or Liverpool for work or might do Masters at North Wales Institute here in Wrexham.

I am currently on pre-university course doing Access A levels to get me into University to do a degree in Nursing. I have got a place at Bangor University based at Wrexham Meillor(?) Hospital, which is an Archimedes Centre.

I want to remain close to my mother, for childcare etc.

Asked about friendship with Glenys :

Glenys is very very good friend and still see her as good friend, don't know how knew address, but was in paper

Told House Number of her address was not reported in newspaper – stated she thought it was

Asked if were to relocate would she wish to maintain link with Glenys Finnegan

- I don't think Glenys would've leaked address.

Put that in circumstances where address compromised, and told that compromises can happen innocently, what was her view about maintaining link with Glenys. – indicated that she would forgo friendship if necessary.

Asked whether her sister and niece would be able to sever link – hesitated and said "if I were to say to Bethan .."

Asked if would consider relocating to another district away from North Wales:

Stated:

Couldn't. I want to remain in Wrexham.

Asked how [REDACTED] feels about it all

- not pleased – really, really annoyed. His concern same as mine – not going to court if still live here.

He's not too bothered about where we live, but I am also thinking of [REDACTED] schooling. I have him booked into Nursery School, to move would be a big stumbling block because there is a ctachment area for the nursery.

Even if change address I want to stay in the same locality. I need the support of my mother, especially when I start my nursing course and have to do night shifts, I will need her in the mornings.

Pointed out that threat as it stands indicates that should she not give evidence she could continue to live peacefully in Wrexham, asked how she takes that –

States is bit dubious, could I rely on that.

Pointed out that threat is predicated on the decision she takes about whether to give evidence or not.

States:

The Letter really knocked me back but I don't want to fall at the last hurdle, I have committed myself to giving evidence. When I was at court Eleanor Atkinson was gesturing and pointing me out "ther she's f-ing there". Made me more determined.

Pointed out by Christine Smith that the Andrea's commitment to give evidence was not binding, particularly in light of the change in circumstances, the letter, the fact that her evidence and cross-examination at committal stage was likely to last about three days, rather than the one day initially anticipated and that the same could be expected at trial. Further, we could not give any guarantees that the dates of hearings would convenience her. . Told that we really need to ascertain her attitude to giving evidence today.

Stated:

If still living where I'm living I couldn't give evidence

Would if relocated to another house, somewhere close with protection measures.

Lives in rented accommodation, is lovely area and likes living there.

Wouldn't want to live in a dump.

Put if police view is that letter can be relied upon and that if she doesn't give evidence she will be safe living where she does,

Stated:

Giving evidence is not a problem but being safe is

Being safe is more important than giving evidence.

I couldn't move to other side of country – too much of an upheaval.

couldn't travel to finish degree.

Told that we would see if anything could be done and would let her know where things stand.

Meeting ended.