

- The RUC have known for 4+ months that the directed and agreed strategy was to deploy technically yet do not have the kit. When challenged by the chief constable seem to be able to buy it immediately
- Real fear of compromise – they intend using 36 officers from the local region as listeners when it is stated that there is considerable sympathy within the ranks of the RUC for Atkinson
- These failings are against a background of poor performance and in a case of considerable public importance, yet obfuscation abounds
- The delays and lack of professionalism have led us to unintentionally provide misleading information to Diane HAMILL and her solicitor. The stage must be approaching when this will damage their confidence in us. They are determined to pursue a public enquiry but understand the need to conduct a criminal investigation. They also believe that such an investigation has been extended and delayed to frustrate a public enquiry.
- We are heavily associated with this case which is pivotal to the independence and effectiveness of the Police Ombudsman. Our failure to secure the active cooperation of the RUC, publicly replayed, would serve to undermine our role and function.



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