

more complex the case then the longer it takes to have all of the additional reports completed. In the intervening time we provide the police with some preliminary information regarding what we think the cause of death might be.

5. In this case the brain was submitted for neuropathology. As part of an autopsy I examine the scalp, the skull and the surface of the brain at the time of the post mortem but after that the brain is then taken out and is fixed by immersion in formaldehyde for a period of at least 6 weeks. Once fixed, the brain is given to a neuropathologist for examination. The neuropathologist cuts the brain to see whether there are any internal lesions and sections are taken for microscopic analysis. One has to then wait until the neuropathologist produces their report. Then I would have to discuss the findings with them so the process may take a considerable amount of time. It is my usual practice to be present when the brain is sectioned if possible but I cannot recall whether I was present on this occasion. The slides of the brain were considered by Dr Herron and me. Dr Herron's report is now produced and shown to me containing pages **31395 – 31396**. It is dated 29 October 1997. I am presuming that is the date Dr Herron signed his report but I am not sure on what date I received it.

6. The police photographer, Mr [REDACTED] took the photographs on my instructions. Those photographs are now produced and shown to me containing pages **1049-1068**. There has also been produced and shown to me the complete set of notes that I made at the time of the autopsy by dictation, these are produced and shown to me and contain page numbers **31514-31521**. The history was not completed until after autopsy when I gained access to the hospital records. The only hospital record which I had prior to the autopsy was a clinical summary produced by the hospital which is now produced and shown to me at page **72832**. I do not know when I received them. The only other information provided to me was from the investigating officer, DI [REDACTED] who provided an account of the circumstances of the event.

7. The clinical summary states:

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