

that Inspector McCrum was aware that the injuries were serious and on page **10159** of the Kennedy Report it is stated: *“At or about 4am Inspector McCrum was informed by a doctor in the Intensive Care at Craigavon Area Hospital that Robert Hamill had sustained serious head injuries which may be life threatening and he was being transferred to the Neurological Department of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Inspector McCrum has no recorded note of the doctor to whom he spoke nor any other specific details of this conversation”* (Also from Inspector McCrum’s journal entry at page **12365**).

28. Our inquiries indicated Inspector McCrum must have left the scene at around 2:30am when DC Keys, as the CID officer, was called on duty. Inspector McCrum remained the officer in charge until DCI **P39** came in. DC Keys could have made the phone call to recall the Land Rover crew, but he could not have ordered them back on duty – that was a command decision. As far as the other aspects of our inquiries regarding Inspector McCrum’s involvement, I can only rely on the transcript of his interview.
29. From reading the papers again the facts point to an assault in the midst of rival factions but that the police did intervene. As identified in page **10157** of my report, Lord Justice McCollum described events as a *“violent incident”* and deemed *“police did intervene, they acted resolutely”*. Again I point out that police intervention/action at the time of the assault was not within our investigation remit. What came out of our investigation was that initially people did not realise the extent of the injuries to Robert Hamill. However and according to Inspector McCrum’s journal entry at or about 4.30am he established from Craigavon Area Hospital that Robert Hamill had *“sustained serious head injuries which may be life threatening”*.
30. The first real point of concern I identified was the delay before the scene was secured. Furthermore, we found no evidence of any debrief. There were also identifiable leadership and management issues which affected who took control of the investigation. During my time in IIB, I had not come across other complaints of failing to be brief or complaints of failure to carry out early arrests, so I would not say it was a force-wide problem at the time.