

34. As far as I can recall, Andrea remained in the interview room while she made her statement. She said things to support Tracey like “don’t worry about it”. She may have talked a bit when we were running through the facts but she did not say anything during the recording of the statement. Tracey did not appear to be scared.
35. I was not concerned about Tracey’s motivation for telling this information about her boyfriend. What she was saying to us seemed very genuine. I do not think that she could have made this situation up.
36. I have no doubt that I would have assured Tracey that we could have arranged protection for herself and her family. She was really the only person we had as a witness and she was able to give a very detailed description of what had occurred which was consistent with the injuries that Robert Hamill had received.
37. I asked her during the interview about the inconsistent questionnaire she had filled in previously. She said she was aware she had not been telling the truth but at that time did not want to get involved.
38. The interview lasted until the early hours of 10 May. Afterwards, DCI Lavelle and I drove Tracey and Andrea home. I think Andrea lived close to Tracey at that time. I know I spoke to Tracey’s mother shortly after the interview but I cannot remember whether it was when we dropped Tracey off that night or within the next few days.
39. Some time on 9 May 1997, I submitted an application for itemised telephone billings in respect of the Atkinson and Hanvey households. The request contains page numbers **17591 to 17592**. The application was handwritten so it did not have to go through the typing pool. We wanted to obtain the telephone numbers without anybody being aware of it. I would have discussed the application with DI Irwin and DCI P39. DCI P39 signed it and DCS McBurney approved it. I also