

6. My role within the Complaints and Discipline [C&D] Department was to investigate public complaints and internal disciplinary matters involving police officers. When I commenced work in the department the Independent Commission for Police Complaints [ICPC] was the supervisory body. It had replaced the Police Complaints Board.
7. In April 1997 Superintendent Anderson was in charge of the south region branch of the C&D department based at Gough Barracks, Armagh. I was one of four or five chief inspectors based in the office, together with inspectors, sergeants and constables. The inspectors and chief inspectors were investigating officers assisted by the sergeants and constables, who would compile the files.
8. The C&D department dealt with the whole range of complaints and discipline including criminal offences. Where a criminal offence was of a very serious nature a senior CID officer would be appointed to head the investigation with the assistance of C&D.
9. I first became involved in the Robert Hamill case around the 9 May 1997 when I was appointed as an assisting investigating officer [IO], with Superintendent Anderson, to the investigating officer Detective Chief Superintendent [DCS] McBurney. I refer to the notice of appointment [page 63695] which appointed DCS McBurney as the IO for a public complaint into the murder of Robert Hamill. DCS McBurney was appointed to investigate the murder of Robert Hamill as well as the public complaint. Superintendent Anderson and I were appointed to investigate the disciplinary aspect of the complaint matter.
10. The criminal investigation had primacy over the disciplinary investigation. The DPP would receive the criminal file and make a decision about an allegation against officers of any criminal nature. By way of example, if there was a complaint of assault against an officer, that was a criminal allegation. There could also be included within the complaint an allegation of verbal abuse, which would be a discipline matter. In those circumstances I would serve a full 17(3) notice on the police officer concerned alleging the assault and the verbal abuse. When the officer was interviewed I would caution him and advise him what was

