

ORGANISATIONAL MODULES 2024

**MUCKAMORE ABBEY HOSPITAL INQUIRY
WITNESS STATEMENT**

**Statement of Jill Duffie
Date: 25th October 2024**

I, Jill Duffie, make the following statement for the purpose of the Muckamore Abbey Hospital (MAH) Inquiry.

The statement is made on behalf of the Police Service of Northern Ireland in response to a request for evidence by the Inquiry Panel.

This is my first statement to the Inquiry.

I will number any exhibited documents, so my first document will be "Exhibit 1"

Qualifications and positions

1. I am a Detective Chief Inspector in the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI). I currently hold the position of Senior Investigating Officer in the Operation Turnstone Investigation Team, and I am also PSNI lead for Adult Safeguarding
2. During a 20-year policing career I have held the following positions within local policing and crime branch:
 - a. Uniformed Response Constable, Newtownabbey 2004-2008

- b. Detective Constable Musgrave Street 2008
 - c. Uniformed Response Sergeant, Newry and Mourne District 2008-2010
 - d. Detective Inspector, Public Protection Branch, Mahon Road 2010-2016
 - e. Chief Inspector, Policing Training College 2016-2017
 - f. Detective Chief Inspector, Public Protection Branch, 2017-present
3. I have been asked to provide a statement for the purpose of assisting the Inquiry in describing the engagement between PSNI and Belfast Trust following the revelations of alleged abuse at Muckamore Abbey Hospital in 2017, up to and including the seizure of CCTV footage for the purposes of the investigation in 2019.
 4. The index incident for Operation Turnstone occurred on 12 August 2017. It was referred to PSNI on 22 August 2017 and has been detailed in evidence given to the Inquiry by multiple previous witnesses. This was the first of many incidents referred to Police over the course of the remainder of 2017 and throughout 2018.
 5. As a senior officer in Public Protection Branch, I hold the portfolio for PSNI Adult Safeguarding Lead and was designated Senior Investigating Officer for Operation Turnstone on 31/10/2017 reporting to Detective Chief Superintendent Anthony McNally, and through him, to the PSNI Senior Executive Team.
 6. On Tuesday 18th December 2018, DAPO [RO93] informed a member of my team (DC Chris Williams) that the DAPO's were not permitted to be on site at Muckamore to carry out reviews of the viewing sheets that had been completed in December or view CCTV of incidents of concern. [RO93] My understanding is that [FLSW 3] and [H499] work involved reviewing CCTV footage of incidents that had been viewed and recorded by initial viewers, in order to help identify staff and any

risks to current patients. DAPO's not being permitted to be on site to carry out their functions was concerning to PSNI as, essentially, this meant there was a pause on safeguarding and the Trust were, therefore, arguably not fulfilling their statutory obligations in respect of safeguarding.

7. From 14 January 2019 the investigation was deemed a "critical incident" by the PSNI Senior Executive Team and given the operation name "Operation Turnstone". At that date there were 162 incidents which had been referred from BHSCT to PSNI and viewing of the CCTV by BHSCT was still ongoing and was not complete.

8. On 1 February 2019 I attended a meeting at Muckamore Abbey Hospital about the completeness of CCTV viewing. During this meeting it was confirmed that the Trust had not viewed as much CCTV as had been previously communicated to Police. I took the decision that Police would seize the CCTV hard drives as I was unable to rely on the assurances from BHSCT that all footage had been viewed. [REDACTED] RO93 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I needed to protect the integrity of the investigation and maintain public confidence and the trust of the families with loved ones in MAH. I was not content following the above-mentioned meeting, that the original evidence/CCTV footage remained on site at Muckamore Abbey Hospital and wished to ensure that it was secure. I was mindful that, under PACE, it is the role and responsibility of Police to secure and preserve evidence where a criminal offence is suspected.

9. On 6th February two members of my investigation team met with Brendan Ingram, and I attach at Exhibit 1, the report I received from the officers following their meeting, providing further confirmation to me that the CCTV needed to be seized in its entirety from the BHSCT. I attach a copy of my policy decision regarding the seizure of CCTV at Exhibit 2.

10. On Thursday 7th February 2019 Police attended Muckamore with Police CCTV recovery staff and a Radio Contact engineer to attempt a trial clone of CCTV drives in order to allow PSNI to secure the evidence whilst leaving the original CCTV unit in situ to allow continued safeguarding. This attempt was unsuccessful and a potential fault with Sixmile DVR (digital video recorder) was discovered.
11. On Friday 8th February 2019 after an unsuccessful cloning attempt, Police attended Muckamore and seized both Cranfield and Sixmile NVRs (network video recorder). Sixmile NVR, with all 16 drives, was transported to Forensic recovery contractor in Dublin by Police. Cranfield NVR, with 16 drives, was transported to Seapark for CCTV recovery. This was to attempt cloning all drives to create a working copy.
12. During this time, neither Police nor the Trust were able to view CCTV. At the request of Belfast Trust, Police collated dates, times and camera numbers of urgent incidents and a request was sent to Critical Data Services, Dublin, to have these incidents extracted on a separate hard drive for urgent viewing. Information was gleaned from initial viewing sheets from the Belfast Trust. Police then facilitated viewing for Belfast Trust at Antrim Road Police station.
13. On 17th February 2019 I received an email from Marie Heaney, Director of Adult, Social and Primary Care Services. She confirmed that there were 74 shifts still to be viewed for PICU ward. (See Exhibit 3)
14. Detective Inspector Collins emailed **H425** on 20th February 2019 stating *"PSNI have retrieved footage regarding 10 of the urgent incidents relating to Sixmile ward from Dublin. PSNI can facilitate BHSCT to complete safeguarding viewings in Antrim Road PSNI. Can you please let me know how soon BHSCT staff can attend, PSNI appreciate this is work is urgent and will facilitate trust staff as required. Further footage is being requested today regarding the other 50 urgent matters identified to date. I anticipate this will be available at the beginning of next week. Again, could you please let me know*

when BHSCT staff will be available to view same to facilitate trust staff as required to complete safeguarding viewings in Antrim Road PSNI" (Exhibit 4)

15. Trust staff attended Antrim Road PSNI on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February 2019. They also attended on 3rd March 2019 for further viewing and were facilitated in viewing the referrals BHSCT had marked as "urgent" and copies of footage for those incidents was provided to them.

16. On the 3rd March, 4th March, 8th March and 12th March Police informed BHSCT DAPO **FLSW 3** that she could come and view CCTV 7 days a week at Antrim Road and that could be anytime of the day that the Trust wished and Police would facilitate this, mindful that safeguarding incidents had been identified by the Trust some months earlier but had not yet been actioned. This delay in action, of course, carried the risk that staff members who had already been viewed in suspected offences would still be working with the vulnerable patients in MAH.

17. **FLSW 3** informed Police on 8th March 2019, as follows: *'I need to have management approval for this. I will let you know on Monday.'* She further informed a member of my investigation team on the 12th March, *'Hi Colin sorry still no update re viewing CCTV but at this stage it looks doubtful'*. **RO93**
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

18. Police offered the Trust every opportunity in this time to come and view the CCTV, but from **FLSW 3** replies, it would appear that the Trust management prevented her from attending.

19. On Thursday 12th March 2019, as no further Trust representatives had attended Antrim Road Police station for the purposes of viewing, Police began viewing urgent Sixmile footage and generating AJP1s to forward to the Trust. The bespoke PSNI CCTV strategy relating to the commencement of CCTV viewing is at Exhibit 5.

20. On 1st April 2019 Police transported copies of Sixmile footage to Marie Curran at Belfast Trust to enable BHSCT to recommence viewing.
21. I have read the statement of DI Jenny Porter, dated 21st October 2024. In relation to paragraph 24 of her statement, I can confirm that I agree with its contents and the description of my discussions with Marie Curran in relation to the sharing of information relating to staff who were subject to allegations. I can confirm that I had a number of conversations with Marie Curran in relation to information sharing with these staff members. Initially, the information shared was at a minimal level; date, time and location of incident, but, in 2021 the scope of the information expanded to include sharing of themes of incidents e.g. forgery of records. This ensured that, at all times, the information shared under joint protocol adult safeguarding arrangements was in-keeping with the requirements of disclosure in the context of the criminal proceedings. I can further confirm that, whilst this was the approach in terms of the information which PSNI agreed could be shared by the Trust with the staff member to whom the allegations referred, the Trust staff who were in charge of supervision arrangements, were informed of the full details of the offences.”

Declaration of Truth

The contents of this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have produced all the documents which I have access to and which I believe are necessary to address the matters on which the Inquiry Panel has requested me to give evidence.

Signed: *Jee Duffie*
Date: *25/10/2024*

List of Exhibits (Jill Duffie)

Exhibit 1: Exhibit 1 - Meeting with Brendan Ingram 6th February 2019 1300hrs

Exhibit 2: Exhibit 2 - SIO Police Book REDACTED

Exhibit 3: Exhibit 3 - E-mail from Marie Heaney dated 17.02.19

Exhibit 4: Exhibit 4 - email to H425 from Niall Collins dated 20.02.19

Exhibit 5: Exhibit 5 Op Turnstone CCTV strategy

Meeting with Brendan Ingram 6th February 2019 1300hrs

At the direction of DCI Duffie, D/C Williams and D/C Fisher attended Muckamore Abbey Hospital to speak with Brendan Ingram regarding the CCTV viewing process employed by the trust. He informed us that he could not answer any of our questions as all matters had to be sent to H425 via a FORM 81.

We requested information about viewing records; the parameters set for the viewings and discussed providing a statement detailing the work and processes carried out to date. Brendan Ingram advised that he needed to seek legal advice before he would make such a statement, if he was even permitted to do so. He did acknowledge that he could not include in a statement that he was 100% confident that all CCTV footage of the PICU ward between March 2017 and Sept 2017 had actually been viewed. He also stated that there were gaps in the viewing and this was being discussed further next week in a meeting between PSNI and the Adult Safeguarding Team, as such he could not provide any further details.

He was asked would a timeline with regards to the policy changes for viewing CCTV e.g. Dip-sampling, 10%, 25% etc. be provided at the joint meeting as this may explain why there were outstanding gaps in the viewing. He stated that this would not be provided as this information had not been requested from him. He again advised that such a request would have to be made via H425

It would appear to both detectives that Brendan Ingram appeared to be under stress and it appeared that while he wanted to provide the information he was prevented in doing so due to the recent changes in requesting information. By his own admission he stated he is not a CCTV expert.

He informed us that he would be using the viewing records completed to date to help identify the potential gaps in the viewings.

He advised that there were differences in how each person was conducting the viewing in terms of time spent and also that the viewings were not conducted in a chronological order.

Police would have concerns that the information on the viewing records will not fully cover any gaps in the viewing. Police were not permitted to view a complete viewing log on this date in order to be satisfied that the information recorded would allow him to fully carry out this task. Given this Police are not confident that all viewing has taken place for PICU ward, Muckamore for the time period under investigation.

D/C Colin Fisher

D/C Chris Williams

Entry No.
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Forensic Strategy		Arrest Strategy		Main Line of Enquiry		Family Liaison	
Media Strategy		Search Strategy		Sensitive Issues		Other (Specific)	

DECISION:

Following consultation with Noll Hartley CCTV recovery & confirmation he now has the correct equipment I have directed he attend Muckamore and make a clone of CCTV hard drives. I have discussed risks and feel it is essential we secure & preserve the evidence in this case and move CCTV to police premises

DATE AND TIME OF DECISION: 01-02-2019 14:00

REASON:

Following meeting with BHT on 1.2.2019 it has become apparent CCTV viewing is not complete in place despite us having been told it is complete. I can not have faith in the trust viewing of the footage and I have made the decision that the CCTV must now be copied & moved to Police premises to allow us to view the footage in its ~~entirety~~ entirety. This is to ensure

John D-He 01-02-2019 15:00
Officer Making Entry **Sign/Print** **Date & Time**

Entry No.

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DECISION:

DATE AND TIME OF DECISION:

REASON:

nothing has been missed or deliberately been held back from trust. To maintain public confidence in the investigation. To capture all incidents involving sexual abuse that the trust had not previously been looking for and to ensure footage is viewed from a criminal lens by police officers.

This is to ensure transparency in the investigation.

All safeguarding matters to be referred back to trust or AJP 1's.

Jim O'He 01.02.19 15:00
 Officer Making Entry Sign/Print Date & Time

Officer Making Decision Sign/Print (if different)

Supervised Review Sign/Print Date & Time

DONAGHY Lynda

From: DUFFIE Jill
Sent: 10 October 2024 13:12
To: DUFFIE Jill
Subject: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [PSNI ONLY]; FW: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]; RE: Muckamore
Attachments: cctv Report

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From: DUFFIE Jill [RO1]
Sent: 17 February 2019 21:38
To: COLLINS Niall [RO1]; PORTER Jenny [RO1]
WILLIAMS Chris [RO1]
Subject: Fwd: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]; RE: Muckamore

Gaps for urgent safeguarding in PICU once we get up and running

Sent from Samsung tablet.

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From: "Heaney, Marieb"
Date: 17/02/2019 19:36 (GMT+00:00)
To: DUFFIE Jill
Cc: H425 [REDACTED] COLLINS Niall
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]; RE: Muckamore

Jill

Following discussion at the PSNI/TRUST senior liaison meeting about the completeness of the cctv viewing on 1st Feb , I called a meeting with relevant staff on the 5th and requested a detailed mapping of all the viewing records onto a monthly spread sheet .

This is it for PICU

There are 74 shifts outstanding according to this which is estimated at 10 days viewing , however this may be less with more screens and viewers.

Given the importance of getting into a state of readiness in respect of PICU when the material is ready for viewing at Sea Park I thought it would be useful for planning purposes

The remaining mapping should be completed by the end of the incoming week

Regards

Marie .

Marie Heaney

Director

Adult, Social and Primary Care Services

Belfast City Hospital, A Floor

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From: RO1 MAHI - STM - 337 - 13

Sent: 17 February 2019 11:28

To: Heaney, Marieb

Cc: H425 RO1

Subject: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: RE: Muckamore

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Marie

To the best of my knowledge we have not been provided details of any gaps of PICU yet but we can get this all together when Brendan has completed it all

J

From: Heaney, Marieb RO1

Sent: 16 February 2019 13:36

To: DUFFIE Jill

Cc: H425 COLLINS Niall; HENDERSON Ryan

Subject: RE: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Muckamore

Jill

I will discuss this with H425 on Monday however we would agree with your sequencing

- All the incidents (166) 38 urgent viewed and triaged and which requires viewing by DAPOs and MAPA to determine PSNI threshold although this will now be done jointly.
- Brendan is completing the mapping of gaps and we will get this to you asp , you already have PICU and this suggests a sig amount of night shift yet to be done
- Viewing of the all remaining gaps jointly should accelerate the gaining of a full picture
- PSNI may do all again for validation

H425 and I are working on a plan for joint discussion hopefully next week and I am coming out of my main role to focus on this

We welcome all the guidance you can provide ,

Talk soon

Marie

Marie Heaney

Director

Adult, Social and Primary Care Services

Belfast City Hospital, A Floor

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From: RO1 RO1

Sent: 16 February 2019 12:59

To: Heaney, Marieb RO1

Cc: H425 <H425@belfasttrust.hscni.net>; RO1

RO1

Subject: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Muckamore

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Marie H425

Sorry for bombarding you today, it's my working weekend and usually the only chance I get to catch up on emails. We are about 5-10 days away from having all the PICU/ Cranfield CCTV copied and ready to go for historic viewings. In order to ensure safeguarding is not unduly delayed can you be in a position to clearly identify where your gaps are. So I would suggest starting with the incidents already initially screened by viewing team but that need to be looked at by DAPOs and then the stuff that has not been viewed at all that Brendan needs to identify (I know there is chat of two and half months of nightshifts)

We are still pulling together the practicalities of this but I am keen to get your people on front of screens ASAP. As you know I am working on getting the urgent stuff back from Sixmile and Sixmile Assessment and we have sent some information to Dublin but we are still missing some once we get this from you we will forward it to Dublin. Marie I am glad you will be focusing more on this from Monday I do really appreciate the pressure we are putting H425 under and I would suggest that in order to move things forward in a speedy manor that you consider if there

is a more effective way we can gather up the information we need from very focusing on driving the investigation forward in the next 6-8 weeks but some of the information we need from the Trust is crucial to this being a achievable

Chat soon
Jill

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PORTER Jenny

From: COLLINS Niall
Sent: 22 October 2024 08:14
To: PORTER Jenny
Subject: OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: FW: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Safeguarding Sixmile
Attachments: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Safeguarding Sixmile

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Good morning Jenny,

Email below / attached.

Let me know if you require anything else.

Cheers

Niall.

Niall Collins

**Detective Inspector | Belfast Trust
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From: COLLINS Niall
Sent: 20 February 2019 10:21
To: 'H425 belfasttrust.hscni.net' <H425 belfasttrust.hscni.net>
Cc: DUFFIE Jill RO1
Subject: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Safeguarding Sixmile

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Good morning H425

PSNI have retrieved footage regarding 10 of the urgent incidents relating to Sixmile ward from Dublin. PSNI can facilitate BHSC to complete safeguarding viewings in Antrim Road PSNI. Can you please let me know how soon BHSC staff can attend, PSNI appreciate this is work is urgent and will facilitate trust staff as required. Further footage is being requested today regarding the other 50 urgent matters identified to date. I anticipate this will be available at the beginning of next week. Again could you please let me know when BHSC staff will be available to view same.

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It remains that PSNI are focussed on progressing PICU investigation and it is not anticipated police will be viewing Sixmile footage in the near future. PSNI will fully cooperate with BHSCT to facilitate the safeguarding viewings and any appropriate action that may follow.

Thank you
Niall.

Niall Collins | Detective Inspector | 19399 | C7 Public Protection Branch | Domestic Abuse Adult Safeguarding

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Op Turnstone

CCTV Strategy 01/04/19

Physical Abuse of Patients Muckamore Abbey Hospital February –
September 2017

SIO – D/C/INSP JILL DUFFIE
DEPUTY SIO – D/INSP NIALL COLLINS

INTRODUCTION

CCTV was installed at Muckamore Abbey Hospital in 2017. The installation was in wards - Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), Cranfield 1, Cranfield 2, Sixmilewater. The system was tested in February 2017 and mistakenly left operational before the official launch date which was due to be September 2017. Following an incident in September 2017 checks of the system revealed it was fully operational unknown to staff. Viewing of this footage revealed incidents of physical abuse committed by staff on patients.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT) subsequently initiated a dip sample followed by a full review of footage captured within the PICU ward. This was completed by persons appointed from outside the Muckamore Hospital staff. This review has generated 151 referrals to PSNI.

Further checks were commenced in the additional 3 wards. Incidents of staff abuse of patients have been identified in these wards also resulting in referrals to police. To date there are 22 recorded incidents of abuse on Cranfield involving 6 patients and 34 recorded incidents of abuse on Sixmilewater involving 4 patients.

Prior to PSNI seizing the footage the BHSCT had been responsible for copying the footage of physical abuse and supplying same to PSNI on DVD. This has been viewed by an investigation team.

Engagement with victims' families is ongoing and a recurring theme has been the use of seclusion and the belief that patients were placed into seclusion when it was not warranted. Initial viewings have revealed instances of

seclusion being used outside BHSCT policy. All usage of seclusion within PICU will be reviewed by controlled viewing of the seclusion corridor.

Some families have also raised concerns regarding financial abuse of the patients by staff. One of the concerns is that members of staff have been using patient finances to purchase take-away meals. This will be monitored through the viewing of the footage and further investigated if necessary.

This strategy document is to assist with regards to the: -

1. Capture and seizure of material, and
2. Viewing of material

This is a living document and will be revised as and when new lines of enquiry are identified and are directed by the SIO.

1. CAPTURE AND SEIZURE OF MATERIAL

OBJECTIVE:

Closed circuit television will provide evidence of abuse committed by staff members on patients at Muckamore Abbey Hospital. Captured footage has been recorded and saved to hard drives within the hospital.

The aim is to ensure that relevant material is seized as best evidence.

CCTV

The Muckamore DVR is a Hikvision which has 16 4TB internal hard drives. All captured footage has been saved to these hard drives. This investigation requires extracting and securing same as best evidence.

METHOD:

CCTV recovery is being coordinated by senior imaging officer Niall Hartley.

LOCATIONS:

Police are now aware that all footage from the PICU ward has not been viewed by the BHSCT and are we are going to undertake all of the viewing of PICU. This will involve 8 – 10 police officers viewing the footage in dedicated viewing rooms based at Seapark.

Feedback has been received from ICS who are installing the equipment in the viewing rooms. Due to the capabilities of the servers installed only 5 computers can run the PICU footage at any one time. Therefore it has been

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decided by the SIO that the viewing of the Sixmilewater ward will run alongside PICU with the remaining screens.

An external company, Critical Data Services, is assisting with the retrieval of the footage.

To date, footage of the Sixmilewater ward has been fully retrieved and placed at Seapark. It is anticipated that the retrieval and copying of the footage of PICU ward is to be completed by Critical Data Services by 12th April 2019. It will also be placed in Seapark and set up with the computers and servers to allow for the viewing of the footage by police officers.

2. VIEWING OF MATERIAL

OBJECTIVE:

The aim is to view relevant material in order to: -

1. Identify occasions when an offence has taken place.
2. Identify staff members involved in offending behaviour. This can be active participants or bystanders who have failed to protect the victim from harm.
3. Identify any evidence of good practice by staff at times when an offence has taken place.
4. Identify patients who are the victims of offences.
5. Identify any relevant circumstances before the offence being committed to ensure it is viewed in context.
6. Identify when seclusion has been used and establish the context before it has been instigated.
7. Identify any footage where take-away food is being consumed on the wards by staff or patients.
8. Identify what footage is required to be put to a suspect during interview.

METHOD:

The allocated viewing officer(s) will maintain a viewing log, which will record: -

1. Details of viewing officer
2. Details of exhibit and clip reference viewed
3. Details of date/time/viewing occurred
4. Date/time of exhibit viewed
5. Details of Persons Identified
6. Details of offending behaviour observed.
7. Police reference number
8. Details of camera numbers
9. Any other information of relevance to enquiry

Viewing Officers should exhibit the viewing log of each exhibit and report completion of the viewing on the relevant action.

Recorded material will be exhibited in line with current procedures. Statement of Seizure/Continuity/Viewing and Notebooks will be submitted to the Receiver.

A briefing sheet has been prepared for the viewing of footage of both the PICU and Sixmilewater wards and viewers are to follow instructions to maintain consistency and accuracy of incidents recorded.

Viewing conducted:

Currently the CCTV viewed and the reasons for the specified viewing are as follows.

128 incidents have been viewed by the investigation team relating to the PICU ward. From this structured outline of cases have been prepared identifying offences witnessed, suspect(s) / victim, relevant camera numbers and times. This will allow creation of a compilation of footage in due course.

BHSCT had identified 158 incidents of concern from their initial viewing of Cranfield and Sixmilewater wards prior to PSNI seizing the footage. Of these 158 incidents, 60 were deemed urgent.

PSNI obtained footage of these 60 incidents from Critical Data Services to assist BHSCT with their safeguarding. Seventeen of these incidents have been viewed by the BHSCT safeguarding team. Due to the delay in the remainder of the identified incidents being viewed by BHSCT the decision was made by the SIO for the PSNI to view them and refer any concerns to the BHSCT. The viewing of this was carried out at Antrim Road PSNI Station on laptops while awaiting the set up of the viewing rooms at Seapark. To date PSNI have viewed and referred 14 of these incidents to BHSCT.

The BHSCT have been provided with a copy of all Sixmilewater footage for them to re-commence their viewing for safeguarding purposes. They will also be provided a copy of all footage from PICU and Cranfield in due course.

Resources:

The team currently consists of 1 SIO, 1D/SIO, 1 Sergeant, 5 D/Constables, 4 Constables and 1 student placement.

A further 8 police officers have been requested to assist with the viewing of the footage with a planned commencement date of Monday 8th April. It is anticipated that the viewing of PICU will take 12 weeks.

Viewing will be timetabled and officers will avail of breaks as per the guidelines on the briefing document.

Charlene Allen
D/Con 23014
Antrim Road PPU