

9. During my time as Chairman of the ICPC I had periodic contact with the Chief Constable, his Deputy and the Assistant Chief Constable for Complaints and Discipline. Although we did not always agree, the relationship with the Chief Constable was cordial and characterised by a shared desire to achieve agreed solutions to presenting problems.
10. The relationship between the ICPC and the Police Authority could best be described as veering between mutual indifference and poorly disguised tension. There were periodic meetings between Police Authority officials, the ICPC Chief Executive and myself and set-piece meetings between the full membership of both organisations. It was evident that the Police Authority thought that they should have some degree of influence or control over the ICPC. I remember that at one meeting one of their members chose to challenge me on my motivation for, and content of, correspondence that I had with the Secretary of State concerning the Nelson case. The phrase "short shrift" best summarises my response.

Rosemary Nelson/client complaints

11. Rosemary Nelson was a country town solicitor with a small generic legal practice and among her clients were people who were of interest to the RUC because of alleged terrorist involvement. Mr Lynch, representing a US based organisation called the Lawyers Alliance for Justice (LAJI) sent a letter of complaint to me on behalf of Rosemary Nelson. This alleged that, in the course of interrogating her clients, who were in custody at Gough Barracks, RUC officers made indirect threats to Mrs Nelson life, some of them along the lines that they had better get a new lawyer because she wasn't going to be around for much longer. **RNI 206.124** and **[REDACTED]** As far as I recall, an earlier complaint had been made directly to the RUC, but this had been rejected and it was their intention not to conduct an investigation into the allegations.

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