

It is not the purpose of this report to go over the areas already adequately covered in the report of ACC Stewart, but to comment on areas where clarification was required, particularly in relation to observations and concerns expressed by Ms McNally of the ICPC following submission of the earlier report.

8. Conclusions (Discuss evidence for and against allegations).

In this report of the further investigation into these complaints there is very little to add to the comprehensive summary contained in the conclusions section of ACC Stewart's report of the initial investigation (points 1. - 9.) and with which I concur.

However, I do have the following observations;

Mrs Nelson's timings (9.42pm v 10.20pm) - after what amounted to a time framed ultimatum - Mrs Nelson belatedly more than four months after promising them, supplied a copy of her own contemporaneous notes with a letter (see 'Other Documents' pages 12 - 17). Initial observation of the notes tended to support the RUC version of events. Clarification was sought in a letter (see 'Other Documents' page 18) which prompted a further response (see 'Other Documents' page 19).

It appears that Mrs Nelson now accepts the police timings. Both RUC personnel and Mrs Nelson now appear to agree that she arrived at Gough Holding Centre at 10.20pm. Any conspiracy theory, and it would have to have been a conspiracy if she had been right in her initial allegation, has now been disproved. This is so particularly in light of the recent result in relation to the subscriber enquiry which supports Constable [REDACTED]'s account that he telephoned Mrs Nelson at her home at 9.42pm.

Therefore I am not surprised that Constable [REDACTED] a sensitive and patently honest officer, became worried and even confused during his original interview by Chief Inspector P 146 (see pages 62 -67 in Part II of original report). During my interview with him, when he had had time to reflect and check the facts, he was much more relaxed and it is now clear that he was telling the absolute truth.

In respect of Mr [REDACTED] - Detective Constable P 149's approach to Mr [REDACTED] regarding Colin Duffy is satisfactorily covered during his interview under caution on 12.11.98 by DCI [REDACTED] and DI Marshall in the presence of myself and Ms McNally (see 'Documentary Exhibits' pages 137 to 141). [REDACTED]