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**DEBRIEFING - MANAGERS**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2005

Millwall

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Particularly alarming  
report re comm<sup>o</sup>

- Stephanie Adams (SA)
- Ashley Barrett [Chair] (A)
- Steve Colhoun (SC)
- Adam Crosby (AC)
- Paul Gibson (PG)
- Trevor Hubbard (TH)
- John Huggins (JH)
- Gareth Hughes (GH)
- Athar Khan (AK)
- Tracey Pidgeon (TP)
- Paul Woodrow (PW)
- Brian Williams
- Peter Thorpe

In attendance    Andrea Brain (Counsellor)  
                           Avril Hardy (LINC)  
                           Caron Hitchen (Director of HR)

Sylvia Brooke (Notes)

<b>PG</b>	<p>A very difficult incident. People were all deployed initially to the first incident and then to a secondary incident – became very busy. I was expecting to get a lot of officers there but I was first on scene with various people. Very fortunate to have full medical team working on casualties. <u>It was very stressful because could not establish communications. Could not get through. Told to use car communications – could not do this. Could not get through on land lines. Could not get through on radio.</u> Support from BME fantastic. Vehicles kept coming in spite of lack of communication. <u>Could not communicate with my team.</u> Tried to do the Silver but out of contact with my team. Remarkably few casualties considering the state of the bus.</p>
<b>GH</b>	<p>We were in a difficult situation. Went to do a recce of Russell Square but couldn't get through because of the traffic so had to walk. Our first report said 45-50 casualties in the Square with 100+ on the platform including fatalities and stretcher cases. Approximately five of us, Paul, myself, one crew and FRU which had already gone, Paul, Bill Kearns. It was just a nightmare. We did about eight roles each. Don't know how many times I requested ambulance back up, support equipment, communications. We had casualties coming out and we could see ambulances going by. The only communications I had was a vehicle 20 yards up the road.</p> <p>Paul read the LAS brief to the Press. Someone had to do it.</p>

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