

1 Friday, 24 February 2017
 2 (10.30 am)
 3 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Ms Cartwright.
 4 MS CARTWRIGHT: Good morning, sir.
 5 Please could we call the next witness,
 6 Robert Dickinson.
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Certainly.
 8 MR ROBERT DICKINSON (sworn)
 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Feel free to sit down, Mr Dickinson.
 10 Although we are using a courtroom, this is actually
 11 an Inquiry, it is a different type of proceeding, so
 12 there is no need for the formality you might be used to
 13 in a court.
 14 Questions from MS CARTWRIGHT
 15 MS CARTWRIGHT: Good morning Mr Dickinson, my name is
 16 Sophie Cartwright. I appear with my learned friend
 17 Mr Beer and ask questions on behalf of the Inquiry.
 18 Could I ask you first of all, please, to confirm
 19 your name and rank.
 20 **A. I am Robert Dickinson and I am a chief inspector in**
 21 **Cheshire Police.**
 22 Q. Thank you. There is a bundle in front of you and there
 23 is two witness statements that you provided. Could
 24 I ask you first of all to turn behind tab 1. You can
 25 see there a statement of yours dated 18 August 2012.

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1 Consisting of two pages. Please can you confirm, are
 2 the contents of that statement true to the best of your
 3 knowledge and belief?
 4 **A. Yes, it is.**
 5 Q. Thank you. Then please, if you turn behind tab 2, you
 6 have also provided a short supplementary statement dated
 7 30 April 2012. Could you confirm, are the contents of
 8 that statement true to the best of your knowledge and
 9 belief?
 10 **A. Yes, it is.**
 11 Q. Thank you. If we turn back then, please, to your first
 12 in time statement, as of the time of providing that
 13 witness statement in respect of your involvement in the
 14 events of 2 March 2012, you were an inspector within
 15 Cheshire Police?
 16 **A. Yes, at the time I was the force incident manager.**
 17 Q. Thank you. Can you assist, in terms of being
 18 an inspector how long your experience as a police
 19 officer, can you just give us a potted history of your
 20 time with Cheshire, please?
 21 **A. I first joined Merseyside Police in 1992 and then**
 22 **I transferred to Cheshire Police I think it was in 1999.**
 23 **I think I became a police inspector in about 199 -- no,**
 24 **about 2002 I think.**
 25 Q. Thank you. You have mentioned that, on this day, you

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1 were acting as the force incident manager. How long had
 2 you been able to perform the roles and duties of a force
 3 incident manager?
 4 **A. I started as a force incident manager in the summer of**
 5 **2009 when I was mentored, and then I did my initial**
 6 **firearms course in September 2009.**
 7 Q. Thank you. Could you just, please, explain what the
 8 roles and duties are of a force incident manager?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 **The force incident manager is the inspector in**
 11 **charge of the force control room. What you have is what**
 12 **we class as the more serious incidents that were going**
 13 **on in the force, whether it would be you would assess**
 14 **threat and risk, what needs to be managed personally by**
 15 **you with your training, what can go out to the duty**
 16 **inspectors on the areas, on what you would bring to the**
 17 **attention of the locum, either chief inspector or**
 18 **superintendent and what ACPO would wish to know about on**
 19 **that day.**
 20 Q. Thank you. We can see in the statement that your
 21 involvement in the events of 2 March commenced about
 22 9.05 in the morning.
 23 Can you explain how you became aware of what has
 24 been known as incident 180, 2 March 2012, please.
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 **Just after 9.00 that morning, the way it works is as**
 2 **the force control room inspector is incidents are**
 3 **created, around certain incidents the staff there think**
 4 **will be of note to you, will tag it to you which**
 5 **basically means it flags up on the screen in front of**
 6 **you to assess it.**
 7 **At that point I was aware of that incident,**
 8 **I started reading through it and as I was reading**
 9 **through it, or shortly afterwards, DC Steve Holliwel**
 10 **from Force Intelligence Bureau came to say was I aware**
 11 **of it.**
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: To say?
 13 MS CARTWRIGHT: Was I aware of it.
 14 **A. Was I already aware of it.**
 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Were you aware of it.
 16 MS CARTWRIGHT: I think we can see that you go off duty
 17 perhaps just after 12.30/12.45 that day. Can you assist
 18 as to how long you had been on duty as the force
 19 incident manager that day as of 9.00 in the morning.
 20 **A. My duty time would have been 7.00 in the morning, so**
 21 **I would have officially taken over at 7.00 before**
 22 **I handed over to Inspector Fairclough. I would have**
 23 **been on duty, but I would not have been performing the**
 24 **role of force incident manager after**
 25 **Inspector Fairclough took over.**

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1 Q. Can I ask you, when you were tagged with the incident
 2 180 had you any knowledge before that time of
 3 an incident involving Greater Manchester Police and
 4 Cheshire on 1 March 2012?
 5 **A. No.**
 6 Q. Your statement tells us that you became aware of the
 7 incident which had been received from GMP that a robbery
 8 may take place in or around Culcheth and it would centre
 9 around a cash delivery, can you assist as to where you
 10 obtained that information from, that you put into your
 11 statement?
 12 **A. That information would have been fed to through**
 13 **a control room operative, who will have typed up and**
 14 **that will have gone on the incident 180 and they will**
 15 **have told me about it. That time, as I put in my**
 16 **statement, it was fairly non-specific other than**
 17 **a robbery may take place in Culcheth, possibly on that**
 18 **day and would centre around a cash delivery but then**
 19 **obviously I believe the incident was created by**
 20 **Steve Holliwell himself who then came to tell me.**
 21 Q. Okay, perhaps then if we look first of all at the
 22 incident and then deal with when Mr Holliwell came to
 23 speak to you. If you could be provided with bundle M1,
 24 please.
 25 If we could find the incident, please, if we turn to

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1 page 123 in that bundle, please, Inspector Dickinson.
 2 We heard some evidence yesterday about the incident and
 3 how the incident is created, but I think if you can just
 4 confirm this is the incident you were referring to.
 5 **A. Yes, it is, yes.**
 6 Q. Then if I could ask you, please, to turn to page 146
 7 within the incident, please.
 8 We can see on page 146 a timed entry at 9.21, which
 9 I think is the first recording of your involvement as
 10 the force incident manager on the incident. I think we
 11 can see within the entry you have made that at that time
 12 you had discussed the incident with the bronze, and was
 13 that Matthew Stanley.
 14 **A. Yes, Matthew Stanley was the firearms bronze that day.**
 15 Q. And you making a decision around the firearms authority,
 16 but if we just then deal with Mr Holliwell's coming to
 17 see you, was that before you made this entry on the
 18 incident?
 19 **A. Yes, Mr Holliwell came up pretty much as soon as the**
 20 **incident was created, about 9.10/9.15.**
 21 Q. When you say Mr Holliwell came you, can you just confirm
 22 where you were at the time that Mr Holliwell came and
 23 attended upon you, please?
 24 **A. I would have just been in my usual desk in the force**
 25 **control room and Steve Holliwell would come from his**

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1 **office within headquarters.**
 2 Q. That is at Winsford?
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. Thank you. Can you assist when Mr Holliwell attended on
 5 you what he said to you and the information he provided?
 6 **A. He asked me if I was aware of this incident, I told him**
 7 **I had just read it. He told me it had come from Greater**
 8 **Manchester Police but that it was, as I have written**
 9 **there, it was very non-specific. In that there was no**
 10 **persons, I wasn't given any details of any persons, any**
 11 **cars, any specific type of weapons that may be involved**
 12 **or any particular institutions.**
 13 Q. Can you assist, you have already told us that part of
 14 your role as a force incident manager is to assess the
 15 threat. In this situation, where you have very little
 16 information, you do not have names or any clarity about
 17 what is the concern is, what is going to be done, how do
 18 you assess the risk?
 19 **A. Well, I can only assess the risk based on what I know.**
 20 **I remember asking Mr Holliwell if he would go back and**
 21 **find something more out, but I would work with this for**
 22 **the time being. In terms of not knowing, is the**
 23 **robbery, is it a bank, is it a cash in transit I think,**
 24 **is it a supermarket or how many people are involved,**
 25 **I can really only assess it as being at that point**

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1 **probably a low risk to me, because I haven't got**
 2 **a specific time or location where other than the general**
 3 **area of Culcheth village.**
 4 Q. In terms of then having had the incident flagged with
 5 you by on the system electronically but then now also
 6 one of the intelligence officers coming down personally
 7 to raise the incident with you, can you then deal with
 8 what you then did in terms of your contact with the
 9 bronze commander at around 9.20 please?
 10 **A. Yes, because it was a robbery and it was suggested it**
 11 **may revolve around a cash in transit, just really**
 12 **I would say through my personal experience in the police**
 13 **that if someone was going to commit that type of**
 14 **offence, it is reasonable to presume there will be**
 15 **weapons involved, although at that point Mr Holliwell**
 16 **could not clarify what type of weapons or definitely if**
 17 **there would be weapons.**
 18 **So really as a contingency, at that point, that is**
 19 **where I made the decision that, although I wouldn't put**
 20 **an armed authority in place, I would put those assets**
 21 **around that area and brief them as to the intelligence,**
 22 **so that at least if I had to further brief them, they**
 23 **already -- they knew as much as I would know.**
 24 Q. Yes.
 25 In terms of, if we look, then, at the incident at

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1 the 9.20, I think, was it two firearm officers that you
 2 deployed to the Culcheth area.
 3 **A. It was two cars --**
 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Two vehicles.
 5 **A. Two vehicles, they would each have two officers in.**
 6 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you.
 7 In terms of we can see in your entry in the incident
 8 at page 146 that you set out that HF21 would be in the
 9 northern area and HF31 would be in Culcheth. Can you
 10 just assist as to where HF21 went to within the northern
 11 area?
 12 **A. I couldn't, sorry, other than it would probably be**
 13 **quite -- Culcheth is within the northern area anyway, so**
 14 **there is one specifically in Culcheth and one close by.**
 15 Q. Yes, okay.
 16 It then goes on:
 17 "They will be briefed by HF11 ..."
 18 I think that is Matthew Stanley, the bronze
 19 commander?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Do you know where he would have briefed those two?
 22 **A. I don't know where he would have been briefing them, no.**
 23 Q. You go on:
 24 "Who is aware no authority at this time. I have
 25 left a voice message for the TA commander ..."

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1 Who we know was Phaedra McLean. You would also
 2 update the locum, Chief Inspector Brierley.
 3 **A. Yes.**
 4 Q. Can you assist where Chief Inspector Brierley was at
 5 that time?
 6 **A. I couldn't tell you where he was, other than he was on**
 7 **duty. He may have been in his office, he may have been**
 8 **out and about. I would contact him just by mobile**
 9 **phone.**
 10 Q. Can I ask, in terms of having had the input from the
 11 intelligence officer, Mr Holliwell, you had knowledge at
 12 this time then that he was going to research and develop
 13 the intelligence as to what cash in transit deliveries
 14 were taking place in Culcheth that day?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. Can we then just track through what we see that you do
 17 almost in reaction and by way of the action on the
 18 ground of the officers. If we look at 9.36, please, on
 19 page 146, we can see that you spoke with FIB, which is
 20 your reference to your discussion with Mr Holliwell, and
 21 the locum, Mr Brierley:
 22 "... and appraised them of the tactics in place.
 23 These are supported and will remain in place unless
 24 further intelligence is received from Greater Manchester
 25 Police, who will be contacted by FIB this morning."

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1 Can you assist, do you recall what you said to
 2 Mr Brierley when you did speak to him?
 3 **A. I can't recall, obviously it was a number of years ago**
 4 **so I apologise for that but I have told Mr Brierley that**
 5 **this intelligence has come through from our FIB via**
 6 **Greater Manchester Police, so we can assume there will**
 7 **be some credibility in this information, it has come**
 8 **from another police force. And then basically what I**
 9 **do, because the threat is non-specific, I will just move**
 10 **those assets there as a contingency at this point and**
 11 **I have also briefed them as the firearms officer as to**
 12 **that information and I think at that point I had left**
 13 **a message for the firearms tactical adviser.**
 14 Q. Yes, and we can see, having had the discussion with the
 15 silver commander for that day, Mr Brierley, if we look
 16 over the page, we then have it recorded within the
 17 incident that a firearms authority wasn't authorised at
 18 that time. Can you just confirm why you didn't
 19 authorise a firearm authority at that time?
 20 **A. Well, a firearms authority, you know, is a serious step**
 21 **and it has to be considered. And at that point I didn't**
 22 **feel there was sufficient information to merit it.**
 23 Q. Can we then, in terms of we see the action on the ground
 24 in Culcheth in response to the research as it was coming
 25 in, we can see that DI Lawton makes an entry, there is

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1 reference to DI Lawton at 9.42 about local supervision
 2 to list details of all financial institutions in the
 3 Culcheth village and ensure passing attention is given.
 4 Do we know who made that entry at 9.42, can you assist
 5 at all, Mr Dickinson?
 6 **A. Well, I think it would be the person above it, where it**
 7 **says 3188, that is the person who has made the entry.**
 8 Q. Can you help us as to who that person is?
 9 **A. I think it may be Karen Lawton, but I couldn't confirm**
 10 **for definite.**
 11 Q. We can see over the page again, reference again to this
 12 list being collated. If I could ask you please to turn
 13 to page 150, we can see another entry by you at that
 14 time at 10.30, I think the information we can see above,
 15 there is a number of institutions above, that are to
 16 receive cash in transits that day. I think your entry
 17 at 10.30 is:
 18 "From Force Intelligence Bureau, patrols to be
 19 informed there is no requirement to speak with any
 20 members of staff at locations checked at this time,
 21 drive past will suffice."
 22 In terms of the information you had received from
 23 Mr Holliwell, that gave you clarity as to potential
 24 targets to enable you to deploy officers to have
 25 a visible presence within the Culcheth village?

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1 **A. Yes.**
 2 Q. We can see then, at the bottom of the same page,
 3 page 150, you then very much are giving more information
 4 about expected cash in transit deliveries by Loomis to
 5 Sainsbury's. Then over the page recording that there is
 6 no specific intelligence in respect of a threat against
 7 this delivery.
 8 So again would it be a fair summary you do not have
 9 any clarity of information, the information suggests it
 10 could be in respect of a cash in transit. So you are
 11 risk assessing and putting in place a visible presence
 12 around these cash in transit deliveries?
 13 **A. Yes, I am not sure if Mr Holliwel had been back and**
 14 **given me a further briefing just before that point.**
 15 Q. Yes, perhaps if we can move and deal with that now,
 16 please.
 17 You tell us in your statement that shortly after
 18 10.30 you receive further information from Mr Holliwel.
 19 Could I ask you to deal with the information that
 20 Mr Holliwel brought to you around that time, please?
 21 **A. Mr Holliwel told me that he couldn't confirm but it may**
 22 **be that if this robbery took place, it may involve**
 23 **firearms and also that Greater Manchester Police had had**
 24 **mobile armed surveillance teams involved in this**
 25 **information. So that did affect me thinking well if**

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1 **a mobile armed surveillance team has been deployed,**
 2 **there may be a firearms threat.**
 3 Q. Thank you. Just pausing there for a moment, when
 4 Mr Holliwel told you there may be some information that
 5 there may be a firearm, did he tell you where he got
 6 that information from? The source of the information?
 7 **A. I would -- I would expect from memory that would have**
 8 **come from whoever he was speaking to in Greater**
 9 **Manchester Police.**
 10 Q. You are saying he specifically told you that there had
 11 been MASTS previously with these subjects?
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. And that heightened your concern about potential
 14 firearms?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. Can I ask you, you tell us in the statement that
 17 Mr Holliwel told you that this new intelligence was
 18 sensitive, can you assist what particularly about what
 19 he was saying to you was sensitive?
 20 **A. He wasn't able to clarify that too much in terms of the**
 21 **operation -- that information, because I think he was**
 22 **still talking to Greater Manchester Police. I think he**
 23 **had just become aware of this around 9.00 himself. It**
 24 **was basically around that it may be a firearm and there**
 25 **may have been MASTS teams involved in it, or there had**

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1 **been MASTS teams involved in it, sorry.**
 2 Q. In terms of then not to record that on the incident, can
 3 you assist as to why that information that had been
 4 gleaned should not have been placed on the incident 180?
 5 **A. Well, it would be Mr Holliwel who will have been given**
 6 **the rationale for the actual reason why it would not**
 7 **have been. I would take it that there will be**
 8 **sensitivities around the information, where the**
 9 **information may have come from. Obviously it is**
 10 **a surveillance operation, so that --**
 11 THE CHAIRMAN: We heard about this from Mr Holliwel, didn't
 12 we?
 13 MS CARTWRIGHT: We did, sir, yes. I am just exploring it
 14 with this witness.
 15 THE CHAIRMAN: I think what he is saying is that it is
 16 Mr Holliwel who knows the rationale, or have
 17 I misunderstood?
 18 **A. No, you have understood exactly.**
 19 MS CARTWRIGHT: Essentially you accepted what he said to you
 20 and as a result of that you made notes, rather than on
 21 the incident 180, in your daybook?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Perhaps if we could just look, please, at the entry that
 24 you recorded in your daybook at that time. It should be
 25 in your bundle behind tab 3, please. We can see in the

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1 top third of the page, there is 07.30 recording of you
 2 being on duty cover FIM. Then below that, can you just
 3 read out what you have recorded next to "SH", please?
 4 **A. Next to SH, which was for Steve Holliwel.**
 5 Q. Yes.
 6 **A. I actually put:**
 7 **"From SB [Special Branch, which is formally known as**
 8 **Force Intelligence Bureau and corrected that] that this**
 9 **may have access to firearms."**
 10 Q. Thank you. Can I ask, in terms of having had the update
 11 from Mr Holliwel, was there any other systems that you
 12 would be checking at that time as to the information
 13 that Mr Holliwel was gathering and collating?
 14 **A. Not by myself, no, because that would go through the**
 15 **Force Intelligence Bureau because at the minute it is**
 16 **coming from another force and what I got is, it is too**
 17 **non-specific for me really to ask the team around me to**
 18 **research.**
 19 Q. Yes.
 20 In terms of this additional information that
 21 Mr Holliwel had brought to you, even though it was
 22 still fairly unspecific and just a possibility, what did
 23 you do as a result of that, please?
 24 **A. As a result of knowing that Greater Manchester Police**
 25 **had a MASTS team running through this operation, or**

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1 **their operation, and then knowing that there was a cash**
 2 **in transit due, I then deployed firearms officers who**
 3 **were in Culcheth and gave them a firearms authority to**
 4 **escort that cash in transit through to its point of**
 5 **delivery.**
 6 Q. Yes.
 7 We will turn to look at the firearms authority in
 8 terms of the period of time that it was actually in
 9 force, because I think it is a very short -- it is
 10 a number of minutes that the firearm authority is in
 11 place. Would it be fair to say that the threat
 12 assessment you made that time was only for the limited
 13 and specific purpose of following that single cash in
 14 transit delivery that you were aware was to take place?
 15 **A. Yes, that threat assessment is very specific to that**
 16 **deployment of the firearms officers which is relating to**
 17 **that cash in transit delivery.**
 18 Q. If we look then, please, at the firearm authority, so in
 19 terms of the paperwork that was completed by way of the
 20 firearms authority, I think that probably would only
 21 have been completed after in fact the authority had been
 22 rescinded. Would that be fair to say?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. If we look, first of all, at the firearms authority
 25 documentation that you completed, it is behind tab 4 in

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1 your bundle, please. We can see the grounds for the
 2 application that you have recorded on authority 55 are:
 3 "Grounds for application: officers may have to
 4 protect themselves or others from a person in possession
 5 of a firearm."
 6 Again, in terms of that information, the sole source
 7 of that information was the information Mr Holliwel had
 8 brought to you?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. We can see recorded:
 11 "Initial intel from FIB stating may be a robbery
 12 conducted on cash in transit in the Culcheth area."
 13 We can see there that you are specific that the
 14 threat was to cash in transit at that time?
 15 **A. Yes.**
 16 Q. You have recorded on the authority, at this time no
 17 intel re firearms and armed response vehicles in area as
 18 contingency but no firearm authority granted."
 19 That is the initial background, I think.
 20 **A. That is the initial assessment just after 9.00.**
 21 Q. Yes, but then you have endorsed on the authority:
 22 "At approximately 11.00 hours I received further
 23 intel verbally from FIB stating that there was now
 24 a belief that any offenders may be in possession of
 25 a firearm and there was a cash in transit due shortly in

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1 the areas. As such, firearms authority granted to
 2 safeguard this. The delivery passed without incident
 3 and firearms authority was withdrawn, debrief held with
 4 the TA [which we know is Phaedra McLean] and firearms
 5 bronze, Matthew Stanley. No issues."
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. How this firearms authority works in terms of this form
 8 we see and your completion, is that then electronically
 9 sent on to the SFC, ACC McCormick?
 10 **A. Yes, I would always send that document on to the**
 11 **strategic firearms commander for that day and with it**
 12 **being of that time, I would verbally brief her as well**
 13 **as to it.**
 14 Q. Thank you. In terms of the verbal briefing to
 15 ACC McCormick, I think we have already heard that didn't
 16 take place until after the firearms authority was
 17 rescinded?
 18 **A. No, it didn't, no.**
 19 Q. Can you just help as to why it was not possible to brief
 20 or speak to ACC McCormick at the time of putting in
 21 place the firearms authority?
 22 **A. At the times of putting in place the firearms authority,**
 23 **obviously the information was quite dynamic and it has**
 24 **changed from the information for MASTS team and cash in**
 25 **transit team. Now, while it is important to brief the**

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1 **strategic firearms commander, for myself the real**
 2 **primacy is to actually manage and run that firearms**
 3 **incident and that takes the precedent and then it is**
 4 **update the strategic firearms commander as soon as it is**
 5 **possible to do so.**
 6 **Obviously if it had run on for a long time, that**
 7 **opportunity may have come in. This was a very short**
 8 **deployment.**
 9 Q. I think we can see from the operations incident form
 10 that I am going to take you to, that essentially the
 11 authority was only in place for a period of 15 minutes.
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. Could I ask you then to just look at the document which
 14 is contained within bundle M5, please.
 15 We heard some evidence also yesterday in respect of
 16 the creation of this operations incident form, that it
 17 was -- sorry, have you not found it yet? Could you turn
 18 to page 46, please, within that bundle. I do apologise.
 19 Thank you.
 20 We heard some evidence yesterday that after
 21 a firearms authority has been put in place, that this
 22 form would be completed to review the authority and
 23 anything that could be learnt from that authority.
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. Can you assist as to who completed the incident form on

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1 this occasion; was it you?
 2 **A. It was myself.**
 3 Q. If we look, please, through the operations incident
 4 form, we can see the timings relating to the authority,
 5 so the incident start time of 9.02 is the time I think
 6 you became aware of the incident. Yes?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. Then if we look on the bottom boxes, the authority was
 9 granted at 11.12 --
 10 **A. Sorry, what page are we --**
 11 THE CHAIRMAN: 46, so it is M5.
 12 MS CARTWRIGHT: We can see there is the column at the
 13 bottom, the row, "Time authority granted: 11.12". We
 14 can see that there was armed deployment at 10.44 as you
 15 have already told us, but then the time the authority
 16 was stood down and the de-arm was 11.27.
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. Can I then just take you, we can see that over the page
 19 at 47 there is a requirement to complete the various op
 20 types, and you have endorsed that this was a firearms
 21 operation, it was immediate, it was authorised and the
 22 deployment was ARV response. The initial threat you
 23 have recorded was "firearm". The incident type you have
 24 recorded "security". Can you assist as to why
 25 "security" was the box that was selected there?

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1 **A. I think I -- that may be an error on my part, it should**
 2 **possibly have been robbery, although general security of**
 3 **the security van.**
 4 Q. We can see then in terms of subject environment, you
 5 have endorsed that category 5, subject location unknown.
 6 Then in respect of deployment at box K you have put
 7 "direct to scene".
 8 The mode of arming is "overt armed". Could you just
 9 explain why "overt armed" was selected?
 10 **A. In terms of overt armed, the officers I am using are in**
 11 **marked police cars, they are wearing equipment that**
 12 **would identify them as armed response officers.**
 13 Q. Yes.
 14 In terms of, excuse me, the purpose of doing that,
 15 we can see under the "Tactics utilised" boxes, you have
 16 selected "Deter".
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. So the purpose of having that physical armed response
 19 presence was to deter any would be operation within the
 20 Culcheth village that day?
 21 **A. Yes, there are obviously numerous tactics you can deploy**
 22 **in armed operations and to me, on this limited**
 23 **information, the tactic I selected was mitigating**
 24 **action, which is basically a visible presence to deter**
 25 **and disrupt.**

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1 Q. Yes, can I then take you through we can see the command
 2 team on page 48, but can I check before you put in place
 3 this very short-lived firearms authority, was there any
 4 discussion with Mr Brierley?
 5 **A. I made Mr Brierley aware of it but he wasn't in**
 6 **a position to take command of the operation.**
 7 Q. Yes. Do you know why he was not in a position to take
 8 command of the operation?
 9 **A. I don't.**
 10 Q. Then can we move over the page to page 49, "Incident
 11 resolution and result". You have recorded:
 12 "Two G4S cash in transit delivery vehicles were
 13 escorted in the area, both of which left the area
 14 without incident, unknown number of subjects with
 15 an unknown capability."
 16 Just on that point, at any point were you provided
 17 with information as to the numbers that were envisaged
 18 that were part of this team interested in Culcheth?
 19 **A. No.**
 20 Q. At any point were you provided with the names of any of
 21 the individuals?
 22 **A. No.**
 23 Q. The bottom of the page, please, we can see two boxes, so
 24 first of all under "Points raised" can you just confirm
 25 this again is your information that you are recording on

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1 the form rather than somebody else?
 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Or is it?
 3 **A. I don't think it is mine that, I don't think so.**
 4 MS CARTWRIGHT: I was going to ask, because we can see the
 5 incident was debriefed by whom, and it is recorded
 6 "silver". Perhaps if I just take you through what is
 7 recorded, we can see:
 8 "Concerns raised that GMP felt there was sufficient
 9 threat to inform Cheshire FIM, however they would not
 10 divulge what the threat was. This might have placed
 11 Cheshire officers at risk which may have been mitigated
 12 with more information from GMP."
 13 Even if you didn't record that on the form, was that
 14 a position that you agreed with in respect of your
 15 involvement on that morning?
 16 **A. Yes, I think on the first information that came through**
 17 **at 9.00 that is very limited. Obviously on the second**
 18 **information, there is obviously: is intelligence or**
 19 **an operation surrounding this? Obviously I was not**
 20 **given the -- any details as such, other than it, this**
 21 **may take place. But as you asked before, there was no**
 22 **information given to me in terms of names, how many**
 23 **people, are we looking for a particular car, et cetera.**
 24 Q. Can you assist, in terms of this being points raised and
 25 then also identifying of issues, is there a format as

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1 part of this process for you to give feedback to the
 2 force, here GMP, that you are commenting on in respect
 3 of the information they have provided?
 4 **A. Sorry, say that again?**
 5 Q. Is there a way that the information you have recorded
 6 here about -- that has been recorded I should say,
 7 sorry, that more information could have assisted, is
 8 there a mechanism of feeding back that to GMP here?
 9 **A. I would feed that basically through the ACPO cover, who**
 10 **that day was ACC McCormick, if I felt that was the case.**
 11 Q. Do you know whether you did on this occasion?
 12 **A. I think I did. I certainly asked Mr Holliwell at the**
 13 **time to get more information, because I felt that there**
 14 **may well be more information that I was not getting.**
 15 **And I think -- I am pretty certain I raised this with**
 16 **Mr Brierley who was, if you like, my immediate ranking**
 17 **officer as the locum chief inspector.**
 18 Q. Thank you. You have just mentioned the role of the ACPO
 19 cover. Can you just explain what that role is and how
 20 that function is utilised, please?
 21 **A. The role is in terms of a strategic firearms command.**
 22 **They would be aware of all deployments of firearms**
 23 **officers and ACPO would generally be aware of any**
 24 **firearms operations that go between different forces.**
 25 Q. Then can I look, finally, at the result of the debrief.

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1 It is recorded:
 2 "It was discussed that to take mitigating action was
 3 the most appropriate tactic in the circumstances in
 4 order to protect the public. It was suggested that
 5 better sharing of information from GMP would be
 6 beneficial in future incidents."
 7 Even if you didn't record this on the form, you
 8 would agree with that sentiment, would you?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. You have mentioned contact with ACC McCormick, could you
 11 deal with the information after you have rescinded the
 12 authority, the discussion you had with ACC McCormick in
 13 respect of the authority that had been put in place that
 14 day?
 15 **A. Yes, I spoke with ACC McCormick. It would be a standard**
 16 **conversation after any firearms deployment that if there**
 17 **was a position to verbally brief the strategic firearms**
 18 **commander, it would take place. So that in itself was**
 19 **nothing unusual.**
 20 **I explained that on the initial information, as**
 21 **I said, I didn't feel it merited a firearms authority**
 22 **but then when I was told by Mr Holliwell shortly after**
 23 **10.30, about 10.45, about the use of a MASTS team by**
 24 **Greater Manchester Police, and then there was a cash in**
 25 **transit fairly immediately after me being given this**

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1 **information by Mr Holliwell, I thought that was**
 2 **a reasonable possibility that that could be the target**
 3 **of any robbery, hence I deployed the firearms for that**
 4 **incident.**
 5 Q. If we could look, please, back within the incident, you
 6 can put that folder away now, please.
 7 Could we just go through what you recorded in the
 8 incident relating to the threat assessment, please, on
 9 page 153. At the bottom of the page you have set out at
 10 11.12:
 11 "I am deploying authorised firearms officers as
 12 I have reason to suppose that officers may have to
 13 protect themselves or others from a person who is in
 14 possession of or has immediate access to a firearm or
 15 other potentially lethal weapon."
 16 Can you assist then, in terms of the threat
 17 assessment on the basis of the intelligence you had at
 18 that time, I think you make a threat assessment of low?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Can you explain why it was a threat assessment of low,
 21 please?
 22 **A. Again, because the information is so non-specific,**
 23 **I didn't know how many people may be involved in the**
 24 **robbery, I didn't know if it was in the morning, the**
 25 **afternoon, it was just it may take place that day and it**

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1 **was very much "may" as opposed to "will".**
 2 **It was unconfirmed whether there were firearms**
 3 **involved or not, although the presence of a MASTS team**
 4 **suggests that they may have a firearm or some other**
 5 **potentially lethal weapon involved, but again, because**
 6 **it was not specific to that particular cash in transit**
 7 **delivery, that is why I made it as low.**
 8 THE CHAIRMAN: That is an assessment of the threat to the
 9 specific delivery, is it?
 10 **A. To that specific delivery.**
 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Right, and because the information you had
 12 didn't relate to that specific delivery, that is one of
 13 the reasons why it is a low risk?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
 16 MS CARTWRIGHT: We can see that you have also recorded on
 17 page 154:
 18 "Threat assessment based on intent of subject to
 19 carry out the act, capability of subject to carry out
 20 the act, intel on subject, immediacy of when and where
 21 act is to be carried out."
 22 They are all fairly generalised because you had very
 23 limited information at that time?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. Could I then, please, take you to entries, please, I am

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1 not going to go through all of them with you, please.
 2 The entry at 12.13, please, within the incident, which
 3 we can see, page 157, so you know after the authority
 4 has been rescinded. You are again, we can see, using
 5 the information that has been gleaned by Mr Holliwel as
 6 to cash in transits. We can see at 12.13 there was to
 7 be a cash in transit for above and we can see over the
 8 back of the page the various premises that related to.
 9 Further deliveries were set out further down the
 10 page, and we can see on page 157 you have recorded
 11 a number of establishments, Thomas Cook, the Barclays
 12 Bank, Culcheth high school and Bent's Garden Centre.
 13 Then two Co-op stores I think, one on Common Lane and
 14 over the page I think it is a Co-op Pharmacy, Lodge
 15 Drive in Culcheth?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Again, so you are being fed the information from
 18 Mr Holliwel as to the location of these cash in
 19 transits and you are then putting in place mitigating
 20 factors in respect of that?
 21 **A. Yes, I am assessing where, if this robbery was to take**
 22 **place, where the most likely place is it would take**
 23 **place.**
 24 Q. Yes.
 25 Can I ask you then, we can see over the page, at

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1 page 159, you were provided at 12.30 with an update from
 2 Mr Brierley that:
 3 "No standing firearms authority granted for this
 4 incident, that the patrols were to remain in the area
 5 and provide support to cash in transit, and to be in
 6 a position to respond should further intelligence be
 7 received."
 8 Can you assist as to your involvement in the process
 9 of considering whether or not there needed to be
 10 a standing firearms authority that day?
 11 **A. That would be a conversation between Mr Brierley and, as**
 12 **was, ACC McCormick.**
 13 Q. Yes.
 14 **A. In terms of the briefing I would give Mr Brierley as to**
 15 **sort of my views on this, and taking into consideration**
 16 **standing a firearms authority can only be given by**
 17 **a member of ACPO, not myself or him, that when we were**
 18 **told -- when I was told specifically about a cash in**
 19 **transit is imminent and there may or may not be firearms**
 20 **in any potential robbery, that to me heightened the risk**
 21 **to that individual one that I have just been told about**
 22 **this and there is a cash in transit due to happen. But**
 23 **then when I briefed Mr Brierley, and I think I also**
 24 **discussed it with Phaedra McLean the tactical adviser of**
 25 **firearms, that after this, that we now are aware of**

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1 **a number of cash in transits going on that day in**
 2 **Culcheth, really it would not be possible to deploy and**
 3 **support every cash in transits we had on that one**
 4 **occasion.**
 5 **I certainly couldn't manage those, they would not be**
 6 **spontaneous at this point because I am aware of them, as**
 7 **opposed to just having been made aware of them.**
 8 **So there would be a decision made then, should there**
 9 **be a standing firearms authority as in the armed**
 10 **officers are actually armed as opposed to just have the**
 11 **firearms with them. And that would be made by**
 12 **Mrs McCormick.**
 13 Q. Then, I think your involvement in the events of that day
 14 comes to an end a little later on from that because we
 15 see on the same page at 12.46, there is a reference by,
 16 it says FI, I think the "M" has been replaced?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. But that is you entering:
 19 "I have appraised Mr Fairclough, HF patrols will
 20 hand over to late armed response vehicles in phase
 21 tactic, therefore maintaining presence in area."
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. Can you assist in terms of the handover that you
 24 provided to Inspector Fairclough, who was the force
 25 incident manager coming on duty at that time, is that

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1 right?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. Can you --
 4 **A. Inspector Fairclough was taking over from me around that**
 5 **time. I have gone over and given Inspector Fairclough**
 6 **a verbal briefing face to face with myself, explaining**
 7 **the information that came in shortly after 9.00, it has**
 8 **come from Greater Manchester Police via Mr Holliwel.**
 9 **I have then told him about the firearms authority**
 10 **I granted for the one cash in transit delivery in**
 11 **Culcheth, that there were numerous ones planned for that**
 12 **afternoon in and around the Culcheth area. That it had**
 13 **been raised with ACC McCormick and she had ratified the**
 14 **original authority that was granted for that spontaneous**
 15 **deployment, but there was no standing firearms authority**
 16 **in place and that rather than the firearms patrols to**
 17 **come back as one that day to hand over, they would come**
 18 **back in that phased manner.**
 19 Q. In terms of the tactic essentially after the firearms
 20 authority had been rescinded, it was essentially
 21 a continuation of the reason why you had put in place
 22 and recorded on that armed response authority, there was
 23 essentially a visible presence of police officers to
 24 disrupt any potential --
 25 **A. It is a visible presence, as you say, there to disrupt**

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<p>1 and deter, and also, should a robbery take place,</p> <p>2 perhaps the most appropriate officers are there to</p> <p>3 respond, to be in the right place.</p> <p>4 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>5 Could I ask you in terms of what you have told us</p> <p>6 about as your involvement in managing this incident from</p> <p>7 9.00 until 12.45, can you assist as to your</p> <p>8 consideration of any cross-border protocols between</p> <p>9 Cheshire and Greater Manchester Police.</p> <p>10 A. In terms of the information, that would really go in --</p> <p>11 something I would imagine from Force Intelligence Bureau</p> <p>12 to Force Intelligence, which would be Mr Holliwel and</p> <p>13 his counterpart. Again, in terms of firearms</p> <p>14 authorities, if they go across different forces there is</p> <p>15 a member of ACPO. My understanding was that it was</p> <p>16 Mr Gerrard, who was then the Deputy Chief Constable, was</p> <p>17 aware of the Greater Manchester operation.</p> <p>18 Q. Can I ask, in terms of your involvement for that period</p> <p>19 in the morning, were you aware at that point or provided</p> <p>20 with any information that the group that Greater</p> <p>21 Manchester Police were interested in intended to commit</p> <p>22 a robbery on 3 March, if the opportunity arose, or if</p> <p>23 not to conduct reconnaissance on that day or to commit</p> <p>24 a robbery on 5 March, the target of which was not known?</p> <p>25 Did you have that specific information provided to you</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 33</p>	<p>1 with Mr Brierley then. Then obviously I have discussed</p> <p>2 the specific firearms deployment shortly after that was</p> <p>3 made.</p> <p>4 Q. I think you spoke to him again, judging from your</p> <p>5 statement, at around about 2.30 as well?</p> <p>6 A. Yes, I would have told him that now I was not the force</p> <p>7 incident manager and it was almost be a professional</p> <p>8 courtesy that I had personally briefed</p> <p>9 Inspector Fairclough, so he would be managing this from</p> <p>10 that point.</p> <p>11 Q. Does it follow that you were not aware at any stage that</p> <p>12 the day before other officers in Cheshire were in</p> <p>13 possession for example of the briefing document that was</p> <p>14 going out to the GMP firearms officers, identifying</p> <p>15 suspects and potential premises in Culcheth?</p> <p>16 A. No, I was not aware of it.</p> <p>17 Q. It follows from what you have told us I think that</p> <p>18 nobody from your organisation passed that information on</p> <p>19 to you on 2 March?</p> <p>20 A. No.</p> <p>21 Q. You were not aware that Mr Brierley for example had</p> <p>22 received an email containing that information at 5.00 on</p> <p>23 the morning, the 2nd?</p> <p>24 A. No.</p> <p>25 MS WHYTE: Thank you very much.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 35</p>
<p>1 at any point?</p> <p>2 A. No, my information was purely around Friday, 2 March.</p> <p>3 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you.</p> <p>4 Those are my questions, thank you.</p> <p>5 MR THOMAS: No, sir.</p> <p>6 MR DAVIES: No thank you, sir.</p> <p>7 MS WHYTE: Thank you.</p> <p>8 Questions from MS WHYTE</p> <p>9 MS WHYTE: Officer, I ask questions on behalf of the Greater</p> <p>10 Manchester Police. You indicated to Ms Cartwright that</p> <p>11 you thought after the deployment that you had authorised</p> <p>12 had been stood down, that you would at some stage have</p> <p>13 raised with Mr Brierley the nature of the limitations of</p> <p>14 the information you received. Can you remember when you</p> <p>15 think you might have done that, would it have been on</p> <p>16 2 March?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, it would have been on the same day.</p> <p>18 Q. Can we assume it would have been some time between the</p> <p>19 standing down and you going off duty, or is that</p> <p>20 an assumption?</p> <p>21 A. It would have been while I was on duty. I will have --</p> <p>22 I have raised this with Mr Brierley shortly after 9.00</p> <p>23 when the first information has come in, when I put the</p> <p>24 firearms officers movements to that area but I didn't</p> <p>25 give them firearms authority. So I have discussed this</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 34</p>	<p>1 Further questions from MS CARTWRIGHT</p> <p>2 MS CARTWRIGHT: You were asked about the conversation with</p> <p>3 Mr Brierley, the second one, I think the question was</p> <p>4 asked about 2.30, but I think you told us the</p> <p>5 conversation was around 12.30.</p> <p>6 A. My conversation I would imagine with Mr Brierley would</p> <p>7 have been shortly after this firearms authority had been</p> <p>8 rescinded, and then I would usually have a conversation</p> <p>9 with the locum that day, if we had dealt with any</p> <p>10 incident, to say, "I am no longer the force incident</p> <p>11 manager, it is someone else in case you are chasing</p> <p>12 someone up".</p> <p>13 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you.</p> <p>14 Sir, do you have any questions?</p> <p>15 THE CHAIRMAN: No thank you.</p> <p>16 MS CARTWRIGHT: That concludes your evidence, thank you.</p> <p>17 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Thank you very much.</p> <p>18 Free to go. Thank you for helping the Inquiry.</p> <p>19 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, it is rather early for a morning break,</p> <p>20 but could I ask at this stage --</p> <p>21 THE CHAIRMAN: I think it is probably sensible to take it</p> <p>22 now. If necessary we can always take another break in</p> <p>23 any event.</p> <p>24 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, that may be an option. I envisage that</p> <p>25 I will complete my questioning of Mr Brierley shortly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 36</p>

1 before or just after 1.00, so it may be we take another
 2 morning break and then seek to try and conclude the
 3 evidence.
 4 THE CHAIRMAN: We will monitor the situation as we go along,
 5 shall we? I would not want to go a long way past 1.00,
 6 but we can be flexible. If you keep an eye on the
 7 situation and let me know if you think there should be
 8 a break before.
 9 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you sir.
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Is until 11.30 enough? That clock is
 11 actually about right for once.
 12 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you, sir.
 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Is that enough?
 14 (11.23 am)
 15 (A short adjournment)
 16 (11.36 am)
 17 MR CHRISTOPHER BRIERLEY (sworn)
 18 THE CHAIRMAN: You can sit down if you like.
 19 **A. Thank you very much.**
 20 **Questions from MS CARTWRIGHT**
 21 MS CARTWRIGHT: Good morning, is it Mr Brierley or
 22 Mr Brierley?
 23 **A. Brierley.**
 24 Q. Mr Brierley, my name is Sophie Cartwright and I ask
 25 questions on behalf of the Inquiry.

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1 Can I ask first of all to give the Inquiry your full
 2 name.
 3 **A. My full name is Christopher Martin Brierley.**
 4 Q. Thank you.
 5 Mr Brierley, in front of you is a bundle that
 6 contains a number of pertinent documents. Could I ask
 7 you first of all to turn to the two witness statements
 8 that you have provided as part of the investigation into
 9 Mr Grainger's death. There is first of all a statement
 10 behind tab 1, please.
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. Dated 10 November of last year. Can I you to confirm:
 13 are the contents of that statement true to the best of
 14 your knowledge and belief?
 15 **A. They are, yes.**
 16 Q. Then, please, if you turn behind tab 2 you, with the
 17 assistance of the IPCC, provided a second statement
 18 dated 13 February 2017. Can I ask you to confirm: are
 19 the contents of that statement true to the best of your
 20 knowledge and belief?
 21 **A. Yes, they are.**
 22 Q. Could I ask you, as of 2012, we can see from the
 23 documentation that you were acting over 2 and
 24 3 March 2012 as a locum tactical firearms coordinator,
 25 yes?

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1 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 2 Q. Could you assist by way of your background with Cheshire
 3 Police, please.
 4 **A. With regards to?**
 5 Q. When did you start your employment with Cheshire?
 6 **A. Oh, sorry, 1981.**
 7 Q. Can you just plot us through from 1981, please, to 2012?
 8 **A. Okay, in 1981 I joined as a beat officer in Crewe. Then**
 9 **moved around the Crewe area, Nantwich, Sandbach as**
 10 **an officer, I got -- I then went through a promotion**
 11 **system, went to Chester, worked on the plainclothes team**
 12 **there and then got promoted to Northwich and then to**
 13 **Crewe as a sergeant. Then promoted again to inspector**
 14 **at Northwich and then the force went through**
 15 **a reorganisation and a different policing model and**
 16 **I became a neighbourhood policing inspector for the**
 17 **Nantwich neighbourhood policing unit. Then went through**
 18 **a promotion system and became a chief inspector for the**
 19 **eastern area, which was three areas back then. So I was**
 20 **chief inspector of operations for the eastern area and**
 21 **that is where I finished.**
 22 Q. Thank you. Can you assist, your promotion to chief
 23 inspector, when was that, please?
 24 **A. I think it was 2010.**
 25 Q. We can see you were a locum silver commander, was there

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1 any particular reason why you were a locum at that time
 2 or when you became a locum?
 3 **A. That is the way the force is structured. You covered**
 4 **the force incidents, if memory serves me correctly, you**
 5 **covered force incidents for a period, so that you would**
 6 **be -- superintendents and chief inspectors were required**
 7 **to cover, so that the command structure would be that if**
 8 **you needed somebody to make a decision on a particular**
 9 **area, so I was a firearms commander, I was a match**
 10 **commander, I was a PSU, so I had various skills, and**
 11 **other officers had other skills, so we covered our skill**
 12 **areas.**
 13 Q. Thank you. I think we can see actually from some of the
 14 material that the Inquiry has obtained that you in fact
 15 retired I think shortly after your involvement on
 16 3 March?
 17 **A. Within days. Not as a result of the inquiry.**
 18 Q. No. Can you assist then, in respect of the substantial
 19 delay in providing a statement in respect of your
 20 involvement as to the events of 2 and 3 March, and why
 21 you only then provided a witness statement late in 2016
 22 after you had been compelled to produce one?
 23 **A. I wasn't asked for one for about a couple of years.**
 24 **Then I had moved on, decided I didn't -- I was given**
 25 **a choice, whether I needed to or not. I exercised that**

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1 **choice that I chose not to and continued with that until**
 2 **I was told that I didn't have a choice, so ...**
 3 Q. Mr Brierley, in terms of you characterising it as
 4 a choice to provide a witness statement, you would
 5 accept that you were performing an important function as
 6 a silver commander over the events of 2 and 3 March,
 7 yes?
 8 **A. That's correct, yes.**
 9 Q. Similarly, the death of a subject by shooting by the
 10 police is an extraordinary event, you would agree?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. In terms of any police officer who has had involvement
 13 in dealings with the event, it would be fair to say it
 14 is important for officers to provide witness statements,
 15 it is not a case of a choice, you have important and key
 16 information that can inform the events as they occurred?
 17 **A. I didn't have any additional information that the**
 18 **organisation didn't already have.**
 19 Q. Let's just maybe look at that then, because it is right,
 20 isn't it, that there existed, you made notes I think --
 21 **A. I did, yes.**
 22 Q. And you have told us in your witness statement that you
 23 believe you made notes both in a police officers'
 24 notebook but also in a casebook?
 25 **A. No, not a casebook. I had my own book, back five years**

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1 **ago you were not issued with daybooks or we certainly**
 2 **were not issued with daybooks so I just had a notebook**
 3 **that I used to keep any longhand notes that I wanted to**
 4 **take. Whereas my pocket notebook was more about key**
 5 **facts, my daybook was more about meetings with people**
 6 **and the outcomes of those meetings.**
 7 Q. Can you assist --
 8 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, can I just understand, is this
 9 notebook the same as the daybook or different?
 10 **A. It is slightly different, the pocket notebook is**
 11 **a notebook that all officers --**
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I understand that. Then you said
 13 something about deciding to keep notes in a notebook.
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 THE CHAIRMAN: What I am not clear about is whether that is
 16 a formal daybook or some note of your own that you
 17 decided to keep.
 18 **A. It is more formalised now than it was then, for me.**
 19 **Detective inspectors, DCIs, they would keep a more**
 20 **formalised notebook when it's a decision making log,**
 21 **mine was more about day-to-day operational decisions**
 22 **that I was making with regard to meeting people and the**
 23 **outcomes of those meetings et cetera, and stuff like**
 24 **that. So it was not quite as formalised, it was more**
 25 **about me just assisting in recollections.**

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1 MS CARTWRIGHT: Let's just look at both, please.
 2 First of all, there is the police officer's
 3 notebook, please, first of all. You tell us in your
 4 witness statement of 10 November 2016, that you would
 5 have handed in any police officer's notebooks to your
 6 line manager, Superintendent Andy Marsden.
 7 **A. That's correct, along with my appointments.**
 8 Q. Do you recall whether in respect of your involvement
 9 over 2 and 3 March, you would have made notes in
 10 a notebook relating to the contacts you had?
 11 **A. I probably would have made some notes of maybe some of**
 12 **the telephone conversations, yes.**
 13 Q. Because in terms of the exercise Cheshire Police have
 14 provided in terms of giving to the Inquiry all relevant
 15 information, there is no notebooks of your involvement
 16 at 2 and 3 March that have been provided.
 17 **A. I believe so.**
 18 Q. Can you assist us as to that?
 19 **A. How the Cheshire Constabulary store pocket notebooks now**
 20 **is not something I am familiar with. As far as my**
 21 **notebook would be concerned, not my police pocket**
 22 **notebook but my normal notebook I had no idea. I have**
 23 **searched high and low in the house. I know I disposed**
 24 **of a load of old documents a couple of years ago, that**
 25 **was just clearing out the attic. So it was just**

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1 **decluttering really.**
 2 Q. Let me move then, so the second area where you would
 3 have made recordings is this daybook, if we call it
 4 that.
 5 **A. You can call it a daybook, yes.**
 6 Q. Again, in terms of your involvement over 2 and 3 March,
 7 would you have made recordings within that daybook?
 8 **A. Quite possibly. Possibly about outcomes of reminding me**
 9 **to ring somebody or if I have spoken to somebody and**
 10 **I don't have my pocket book handy, I will have put some**
 11 **notes down in that, yes, quite possibly.**
 12 Q. Again, because when you answered earlier that Cheshire
 13 have all the information relevant to Mr Grainger's death
 14 and your involvement, Cheshire Police didn't have your
 15 daybook, did they?
 16 **A. No, they didn't.**
 17 Q. Can I ask you, it is right, isn't it, that an email was
 18 sent very proximate to Mr Grainger's death, on
 19 15 March 2012, it is one of the questions that was
 20 covered in the rule 9 request that was sent to you where
 21 Officer Massey requested of both yourself,
 22 Nicolas Bailey, Phaedra McLean, Alan Fairclough and
 23 Ian Stead that all unedited copies of your daybook
 24 entries and any other notes, unused material relating to
 25 the incident to be provided, because there had been

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1 a request made to that effect also from the IPCC. Do
 2 you recall getting that email?
 3 **A. No.**
 4 Q. Why would you not have received that email?
 5 **A. I am not exactly sure, but I am not sure I was still on**
 6 **the -- I am not sure what the date of my retirement was,**
 7 **but I am thinking it might have been --**
 8 MR THOMAS: Sorry, sir, I am a little bit of difficulty
 9 hearing.
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Could you speak up, Mr Brierley?
 11 **A. I can, yes.**
 12 **I am not sure the exact date of my requirement,**
 13 **I think it might have been a day or so before that email**
 14 **was sent out so I possibly would not have even received**
 15 **it.**
 16 Q. In terms of when you indicate that you had said there
 17 had been a choice to provide a witness statement, it is
 18 right, isn't it that back in 2012 efforts were made by
 19 Cheshire Police, including contacts from ACC Guy Hindle
 20 to try to get you to provide a witness statement as to
 21 your involvement?
 22 **A. I was asked if I was prepared to.**
 23 Q. Yes.
 24 **A. It was not a case of you are required to. If I was told**
 25 **you are required to I would have done. The way it was**

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1 **worded was I had a choice.**
 2 Q. Why were you not prepared to provide a witness statement
 3 as to your involvement and the important involvement you
 4 had over 2 and 3 March as a silver commander?
 5 **A. Well, I left -- when I left the organisation there was**
 6 **a slight coming together between me and certain**
 7 **individuals within the organisation. We had**
 8 **a disagreement about my retirement speech and there were**
 9 **a few people that didn't like it. It was made in jest**
 10 **and it was not taken very -- it was taken a different**
 11 **way and they decided I would be sanctioned for it.**
 12 **I didn't feel it was appropriate, it was**
 13 **disproportionate and my resentment from that was that**
 14 **I felt disengaged from the organisation and didn't need**
 15 **to continue with it. That was my reason.**
 16 Q. Then if we leave aside any issues you may have had
 17 between you and Cheshire Police, there were then also
 18 requests made in the intervening period from both the
 19 IPCC and the coroner to provide a witness statement and
 20 again you refused to provide a witness statement at that
 21 stage. Can you assist as to why, when the requests were
 22 being made by independent bodies for a witness
 23 statement, why you didn't at that stage engage?
 24 **A. Again, I was given an alternative. I didn't have to if**
 25 **I didn't want to and that was my choice.**

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1 Q. Sorry, so that is how you interpreted the request for
 2 a witness statement, you had a choice?
 3 **A. Yes, it was a request, it was not a requirement.**
 4 Q. Can I ask then, in terms of there having been notes in
 5 a daybook, can you assist as to why you chose to then
 6 burn the notebooks?
 7 **A. I am not saying I did. I am saying I burnt some**
 8 **paperwork that it may have been in. It was only a --**
 9 **probably like a reporter's notebook that I was using at**
 10 **the time anyway so it might not have been in that**
 11 **bundle. So I have no idea. What I said was that might**
 12 **have been where it had gone but I didn't say that was**
 13 **exactly where it had gone, so -- to be clear.**
 14 Q. But as an experienced officer with a lengthy career
 15 within the police force, you would know after the events
 16 on the car park of 3 March that there were criminal
 17 investigations, both in respect of an investigation
 18 relating to the firearms officers but also then we know
 19 there was the investigation of the Chief Constable
 20 himself of the force. Did you not think that these
 21 notes were important as a part of the relevant
 22 information as to the events of 2 and 3 March?
 23 **A. I didn't know where those notes were. I still don't**
 24 **know where those notes were. My pocket notebook which**
 25 **had all the key information in was submitted and handed**

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1 **in as I left the job.**
 2 Q. Certainly in March 2012, would it be fair to say you
 3 would have known where your daybook was?
 4 **A. I possibly would have done yes, but I was not asked in**
 5 **2012. I don't remember the first time I was contacted**
 6 **for it but it certainly was not 2012.**
 7 Q. Again, but even absent a request in these circumstances,
 8 do you not yourself as an experienced officer understand
 9 the significance of contemporaneous notes that were made
 10 as to your dealings and involvement in those events of 2
 11 and 3 March?
 12 **A. Absolutely, yes.**
 13 Q. But you are not able to offer us an explanation as to
 14 why they were not retained in any event?
 15 **A. I cannot understand why the police cannot find my pocket**
 16 **book. I don't know what their method of storing them is**
 17 **now. So I can't comment on that. My pocket book with**
 18 **all my other appointments, my staff, my handcuffs,**
 19 **et cetera, my utility belt were all handed in, they were**
 20 **all put on the desk of Superintendent Marsden, so ...**
 21 Q. In terms of then your witness statements, I don't intend
 22 to go through those witness statements with you because
 23 in reality you are dependent on what is recorded in the
 24 documentation that we have to piece together your
 25 involvement over 2 and 3 March, so I am going to take

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1 you, please, Mr Brierley --

2 **A. Brierley.**

3 Q. Brierley, I do apologise. I am going to take you,

4 Mr Brierley, through the various documentation that we

5 do have to now seek to try and work out your involvement

6 in those important events of 2 and 3 March 2012.

7 Can I please take you first of all within your

8 bundle to tab 4, please, where we see an email from

9 Peter Crowcroft of 2 March 2012, timed at 4.15 in the

10 morning, where he emails both you and John Betts:

11 "Chris, as from 1.00 am this morning, GMP are

12 running an operation where the target premises is on us,

13 the idea being that GMP would conduct the strike phase

14 whilst the vehicle and suspects are in the GMP area.

15 However, best laid plans and all that. If the operation

16 runs on to us, GMP will have command up to the point

17 where if the subjects were contained within a building

18 in Cheshire, at this point we will take command and you

19 will need to contact DCC Gerrard who is aware. The

20 details of the operation are attached."

21 We can see that the Op Shire MASTS of 2 March 2012

22 was provided. Mr Brierley, do you recall receiving that

23 email?

24 **A. I don't recall the specifics of receiving the email, no.**

25 Q. Can you assist us, we know that you were acting as

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1 a silver commander at this time but can you assist us as

2 to who Peter Crowcroft is and why he would be forwarding

3 that to you at that time?

4 **A. Yes, the way it was divided was the silver commanders**

5 **did 12-hour shifts when they were required to be the**

6 **locum and Pete was the night 12 hours, so he would have**

7 **worked I think a 7.00-7.00 night shift, and I would have**

8 **picked up a 7.00-7.00 day. So what he would have done**

9 **then is prepared a handover if he was not able to**

10 **verbally hand over to me, for whatever reason, he would**

11 **give an advanced notice. So if I came in at say 6.30**

12 **I would automatically pick these up to just awaiting his**

13 **call so I would probably pre-read them and then maybe**

14 **ask him some questions if he rang me.**

15 Q. You can see reference I think to Crewe in your

16 statement. Do you recall where you were based on

17 2 March 2012?

18 **A. Yes, my office was Crewe, but I covered Macclesfield,**

19 **Congleton, Holmes Chapel, Middlewich, Crewe, Nantwich**

20 **and all the eastern area and while I was locum there**

21 **I was force cover as well, but my office was Crewe, so**

22 **I would normally come into my office and pick up my**

23 **utility belt et cetera.**

24 Q. Do you recall on 2 March what time you would have then

25 started essentially being present at Crewe?

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1 **A. At 7.00, probably just before 7.00.**

2 Q. Can you assist, in terms of we can see that attached to

3 this email was the Op Shire MASTS, which we know was

4 a PowerPoint briefing that was given to the firearms

5 officers. Would it have been your practice when

6 receiving emails to consider the documentation attached

7 to emails?

8 **A. Absolutely. Certainly something like this, yes.**

9 Q. It is likely that when you came on duty you would have

10 considered that information?

11 **A. Yes.**

12 Q. Just following that through, we know from that briefing

13 that it named three individuals, David Totton,

14 Robert Rimmer and Anthony Grainger. Do you recall over

15 2 and 3 March having the names of the suspects that GMP

16 were interested in at that time?

17 **A. I don't recall the names, although I do recall the**

18 **PowerPoint briefing so, and in the PowerPoint**

19 **briefing -- having refreshed my memory on it -- that you**

20 **would have seen the pictures and the antecedents,**

21 **et cetera.**

22 Q. Can I ask then, in terms of, because we have been

23 looking at other Cheshire material for 2 March, where

24 there is not reference to the names of the individuals

25 that GMP were interested in, perhaps I will come back to

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1 that at some point in going through matters with you.

2 If we look then, please, at the email as it

3 continues. You were being told by Peter Crowcroft at

4 that time:

5 "GMP intend to stand down at 7.30 so the above

6 probably will not affect you, however GMP have told us

7 that the target premises referred to in the above

8 attachment have got cash deliveries expected around

9 11.00 am, they don't have intel to suggest that the

10 subjects will target these deliveries, but it may be

11 prudent to put a follow-that-van prevention tactic in

12 place. The officer in charge of the GMP side of things

13 is Chief Inspector Mike Lawler [a mobile phone number

14 was provided] and it might be worth giving him a call,

15 it might warrant a discussion on level 2, hence CCing in

16 John B."

17 Excuse me.

18 Can you advise then when you received this email,

19 what you did in terms of -- what was being suggested by

20 Peter Crowcroft, please?

21 **A. I couldn't give you exactly what I did there and then.**

22 **The chances are I would have done tasking, I think we**

23 **did local tasking at 8.00 and then force tasking at 9.00**

24 **and I probably would have touched bases with John Betts**

25 **then on force tasking to discuss what the proposals**

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1 **would have been. But at that time I seem to recall it**
 2 **was an awareness, so I would have spoken to the FIM,**
 3 **I think, about what was going on in the force, getting**
 4 **an update and just preparing myself.**
 5 Q. Can I ask, in terms of these various discussions you
 6 would have had, would you have made a note of those
 7 within either your notebook or your daybook?
 8 **A. Probably in my pocket book.**
 9 Q. Can we then please track through as to the involvement.
 10 We can see then similarly that there was an email that
 11 was sent at 7.00.
 12 **A. Sorry, where are we now?**
 13 Q. I am going to take you to that now, it is behind tab 6,
 14 please.
 15 Just give me a moment, I do apologise.
 16 **A. That is okay.**
 17 Q. If I can take you into bundle M1, please. It is
 18 page 53, please.
 19 **A. Okay.**
 20 Q. We can see an email from Peter Crowcroft at 06.59 on
 21 2 March, sent to both John Betts and yourself:
 22 "Chris, John, just been told the GMP op is stood
 23 down and they are going to get in touch with our intel
 24 unit regarding the op and info re a cash in transit."
 25 Do you recall receiving this email?

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1 **A. No, but I am fairly confident I would have done.**
 2 Q. In terms of having then had that information about then
 3 there to being in getting in touch with the intelligence
 4 unit. What would you have done when you received that
 5 information?
 6 **A. I would probably have just absorbed it, because it says**
 7 **there that they are going to get in touch with our intel**
 8 **unit regarding the operation and information re cash in**
 9 **transit. So I would have probably awaited a contact**
 10 **from our intelligence unit to say that their intel unit**
 11 **had done so.**
 12 Q. Can I ask you, we can see that Peter Crowcroft in his
 13 statement, and if you want to turn to that, please it is
 14 in the same bundle at page 39.
 15 **A. Okay.**
 16 Q. It is over the page, the relevant entry, on page 40,
 17 please.
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. He sets out, so around the time of sending this email:
 20 "At approximately 07.00 hours I verbally briefed
 21 Chief Inspector Chris Brierley who was undertaking ..."
 22 THE CHAIRMAN: Brierley.
 23 MS CARTWRIGHT: Page 40, sir.
 24 Brierley, I do apologise:
 25 "At approximately 07.00 hours I verbally briefed

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1 Chief Inspector Chris Brierley who was undertaking day
 2 locum duties on Friday, 2 March that Op Shire had been
 3 stood down."
 4 And he produce that he produces the emails.
 5 Can you assist as to the verbal debrief, where you
 6 had been at that time?
 7 **A. I could not say precisely where I had been, but the**
 8 **likelihood is I would have been in my office. Whether**
 9 **he had rung me on my mobile or on my office phone**
 10 **I would not be able to say.**
 11 **But my normal duties would have taken me, certainly**
 12 **if I was doing locum, I would have gone into my office**
 13 **because -- because of the access to my computer, to be**
 14 **able to log on, book on and then go through daily**
 15 **returns of incidents overnight. So chances are I would**
 16 **have been in my office in Crewe when I took the call.**
 17 Q. Can you assist as to whether or not you had discussions
 18 either face to face or verbal with Geraint Jones that
 19 morning?
 20 **A. Probably both. I certainly recall visiting Geraint in**
 21 **his office on at least one occasion on the 2nd and 3rd**
 22 **so I think visited him both days because he was somebody**
 23 **whose guidance I valued, so with something like this**
 24 **I would have gone to see Geraint and just had**
 25 **a conversation with him about what he could possibly be**

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1 **doing or what I should be doing to make sure that I did**
 2 **everything I should have done.**
 3 Q. In terms of, can you just explain, we can see that
 4 Geraint Jones was a detective superintendent, was
 5 Geraint Jones on 2 March discharging any particular
 6 function within Cheshire Police?
 7 **A. I am not sure. I seem to recall he was the locum**
 8 **detective super but I might be wrong on that. Certainly**
 9 **he was on on Saturday as well I think. So if he was on**
 10 **on the Saturday, then the chances are he was doing**
 11 **a cover role.**
 12 Q. Could I ask you then just to turn again within that same
 13 bundle to the statement we have from Geraint Jones, at
 14 page 60, please, M1.
 15 We can see on the bottom paragraph, it is set out:
 16 "At 7.00 am on Friday, 2 March, I commenced my role
 17 as a senior detective. During that morning I was made
 18 aware that Greater Manchester Police were running
 19 an operation called Shire and that this operation could
 20 cross into the Cheshire area. I briefly discussed the
 21 matter with Chief Inspector Christopher Brierley, the
 22 day locum. I was aware that the matter had already been
 23 raised to our chief officers and the Deputy Chief
 24 Constable Geraint Gerrard had been briefed by the
 25 Superintendent Nicolas Bailey, the night locum from the

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<p>1 previous evening." 2 Then sets out: 3 "Chief Inspector Brierley emailed me a copy of the 4 operation and I viewed it. I satisfied myself that it 5 was not a matter for me to become involved with as I was 6 not needed in terms of any command structure, but I did 7 offer my assistance to Chief Inspector Brierley if he so 8 needed it." 9 Do you recall forwarding on the operational order we 10 have already seen that you were in receipt of at around 11 5.00 in the morning? 12 A. I don't recall doing it, but the evidence says that 13 I did so I have no doubt that that is correct. 14 Q. Then in terms of essentially you being left in command 15 of this situation, what were you intending to do then 16 moving forward with matters at that time? 17 A. I was not just in command of that situation, I was the 18 force -- so I was involved in all missing from homes and 19 any other elevated situations. So that was just one of 20 a number of issues that I was managing on that day -- on 21 those days. 22 Q. Can you assist us then, because we have looked at the 23 early part of the morning but there also then is 24 information that we have been considering and the 25 Inquiry has heard evidence from Steve Holliwel and just</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 57</p>	<p>1 incident 180 is created at 9.05 in the morning with we 2 know B21 intelligence that was supplied: 3 "Intel received from GMP that a robbery will take 4 place in the Culcheth village centre, suspicious 5 activity around cash delivery or financial institute. 6 It does not indicate any time, date, target, vehicles, 7 nominals or if firearms involved." 8 Perhaps if we move then, through, please, within the 9 incident, we can see reference to you within it at 9.36, 10 please. That is on page 146. 11 We can see at 9.21, Inspector Dickinson, as he was 12 at that time, discusses this intelligence with the 13 bronze commander, but then records that he will update 14 yourself, the locum, Chief Inspector Brierley. Then we 15 can see at the bottom of the page, at 9.46 Inspector 16 Dickinson records: 17 "I have spoken with the Force Intelligence Bureau 18 and locum Chief Inspector Brierley and appraised them of 19 tactics in place. These are supported and will remain 20 in place unless further intelligence is received from 21 GMP, which will be contacted by FIB this morning. 22 Can you assist us then as to the contact made with 23 you that morning by Inspector Dickinson? 24 A. I can only assume he has phoned me or he has been on the 25 force briefing at 9.00 am and we discussed it then. But</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 59</p>
<p>1 this morning also from Inspector Dickinson, as he was at 2 that time, that around about 9.00 in the morning, there 3 was intelligence then fed into Cheshire and it seems to 4 be following on from that email we have already looked 5 at around the 7.00 mark when there was going to be 6 further intelligence research done. 7 Can you assist then about becoming aware of the 8 intelligence that was fed in from Greater Manchester 9 Police and the incident 180 that was created around 9.00 10 that morning, because certainly in terms of those 11 officers we have heard from so far, they didn't have 12 knowledge of the events of 1 March and the information 13 that you were aware of very early in the morning of 14 2 March. 15 A. So the first information I was aware of was on the 16 Friday morning, when I received the email from Chief 17 Inspector Crowcroft, as he was then. I hadn't had any 18 prior knowledge. I am not even sure I was at work on 19 the Thursday. If I was starting a locum then it might 20 have been a rest day beforehand. So the first bit of 21 information I would have had would have been the email 22 from Pete Crowcroft. 23 Q. Yes. Can I take you, please, to incident 180, please, 24 which again is in bundle M1. We can see within that 25 incident, it is at page, please, 123. We can see the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 58</p>	<p>1 something like this, I would imagine it would have been 2 a telephone conversation. 3 Q. Can I ask, in terms of you being an officer that had 4 that information -- 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, there are two entries, are you talking 6 about both entries? 7 A. No, the first entry is -- 8 THE CHAIRMAN: That is not actually a contact. He is saying 9 he is going to, so you are referring to 9.36? 10 A. That's correct, yes. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. 12 Sorry, Ms Cartwright. 13 MS CARTWRIGHT: Can I ask, when Inspector Dickinson did 14 speak to you, we have heard evidence from him that he 15 had no knowledge of the events that had gone on the day 16 before, but certainly you essentially had got the 17 information in the email that was the tail end and that 18 the operation was being stood down at 7.30. Did you at 19 that time make the link between that operation and this 20 information you have now been fed in just after 9.00 21 into Cheshire. 22 A. I am probably getting ahead of myself here, but having 23 read some of the other documents, there was -- they were 24 not linked and for some reason, I made the link, I don't 25 know whether that was with the assistance from somebody</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 60</p>

1 else or I had a like a brainwave but when I made --
 2 I think because they hadn't been linked, I got them
 3 linked, so I don't know how that happened, it might have
 4 just been something quite simple that, you know, two
 5 threads and nobody picked them both up.
 6 Q. Can you help us at all, because it doesn't seem
 7 certainly around the 9.36 time, from the evidence we
 8 have heard, that the link had been made?
 9 A. I am afraid I can't help you there with any degree of
 10 accuracy.
 11 Q. Again, in terms of the discussion that you had with
 12 Inspector Dickinson, again would your usual practice
 13 have been to make notes of the discussion you had with
 14 him at that time?
 15 A. If there were relevant points or actions that came out
 16 of the discussion then I probably would have made some
 17 notes. If I needed to do something, so if it would be
 18 to ring somebody, I would just make a note of who
 19 I needed to ring and the phone number et cetera.
 20 Q. We can see as we follow through the incident for this
 21 morning period, that whilst a firearms authority was not
 22 originally put in place around 9.30, that just after
 23 11.00 Inspector Dickinson does put in place a firearms
 24 authority. It is recorded in the incident that you are
 25 not able to take the command of that. If I just take

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1 you to the entry at 11.02.
 2 A. Yes, I am there.
 3 THE CHAIRMAN: 153, is this?
 4 MS CARTWRIGHT: 153.
 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
 6 MS CARTWRIGHT: We can see recorded by Inspector Dickinson:
 7 "I have discussed this incident with Chief Inspector
 8 Brierley and given intel and granting patrols involved
 9 to have a firearms authority while escort of cash in
 10 transit takes place. I have stressed with them the
 11 non-specific nature of this intel and therefore the
 12 threat assessment is low, but I can not discount the use
 13 of firearms or other lethal weapons should an offence
 14 take place. The firearms patrols are aware of this and
 15 have been instructed to be discreet in their dealings at
 16 this time. Chief Inspector Brierley will appraise gold,
 17 ACC McCormick, of this intel."
 18 Again, in terms of can you assist us at all in terms
 19 of your involvement as the silver commander at that time
 20 in terms of your liaison with Inspector Dickinson?
 21 A. Again, this would have just been a phone call, probably
 22 from Inspector Dickinson about the action that he has
 23 taken. And I would have informed Ms McCormick, who was
 24 the gold at the time and liaised with her.
 25 There was no -- I don't think there was any specific

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1 intelligence with regards to this, so it was more about
 2 a high visibility.
 3 Q. Can you assist in terms of there is the reference
 4 earlier on to you were going to appraise the gold
 5 commander ACC McCormick, can you recall what if anything
 6 you said around that time to ACC McCormick about the
 7 events that were potentially going to impact upon the
 8 Culcheth village?
 9 A. I can't be specific about what I told her. I certainly
 10 followed it up with an email giving her all the
 11 intelligence that we had --
 12 Q. Yes.
 13 A. -- but I am not sure whether I did that through --
 14 I appraised her through the email or appraised her
 15 through a phone call. I know I had phone conversations
 16 with her over those two days about this incident.
 17 I think I might have had two phone calls with her, but
 18 certainly I followed it up with an email, so there might
 19 be an email somewhere along the line that I sent to her
 20 with the information and intelligence.
 21 Q. Can you assist as to why you were not able to take the
 22 command at this time?
 23 A. No, I can't, I might have been dealing with another
 24 incident or I might have not been in a position to be
 25 able to do so. So I could have been dealing with

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1 something else.
 2 Q. We can see in an email that was sent at 12.02. That is
 3 in tab 8 of your witness bundle, please.
 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Tab which, sorry?
 5 MS CARTWRIGHT: Tab 8, sir.
 6 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.
 7 MS CARTWRIGHT: We can see at 12.02, Stephen Holliwell
 8 provides to you a research document that he was creating
 9 around developing the intelligence that had been
 10 received, namely the "Culcheth robbery" document, which
 11 was a Word document as to the various timings of cash in
 12 transit deliveries to the Culcheth area. Do you recall
 13 receiving this intelligence document from
 14 Steve Holliwell?
 15 A. I don't recall receiving it, but looking at the email
 16 I am fairly confident I did receive it.
 17 Q. Can you assist as to what you would have done as the
 18 silver commander receiving a document such as this?
 19 A. I haven't got a copy of the document. All I've got is
 20 the email with --
 21 Q. Let me take you to that, so you can have a look at that,
 22 please.
 23 A. It might help.
 24 Q. If you go back a tab, please, to tab 7, this is the
 25 document that was attached to that email, so whilst at

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1 this stage the intelligence was two pages, this document
 2 then was a developing and living document, because
 3 throughout his research that day Mr Holliwell added
 4 information. But we can see, as of 12.02 this was the
 5 information that he had at that time relating to the
 6 contacts he has made, who he has spoken to, and the
 7 timings of cash in transit deliveries to the Culcheth
 8 village.
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. Receiving a document like this, I think, would you have
 11 read the document at that time?
 12 **A. Absolutely, yes.**
 13 Q. Assisting us as best you can, what would you likely have
 14 done as a silver commander receiving a document of this
 15 nature? (Pause)
 16 **A. I think, reviewing it, I would have tried to confirm**
 17 **with somebody within the GMP unit to make sure that**
 18 **whatever tactic we decided to employ with regards to**
 19 **this, it was okay with them and their operation.**
 20 **So, looking at it, I think we would have probably**
 21 **put in place some high profile, high visibility patrols**
 22 **as a deterrent rather than as an attempt to catch**
 23 **somebody doing something, rather deter them from doing**
 24 **it while we got the plan in place. That is my**
 25 **impression there.**

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1 Q. Can I just ask in respect of speaking to someone at GMP,
 2 when we move forward we are going to hear reference to
 3 a discussion you had with Inspector Cousen at 4.00 that
 4 day --
 5 **A. Yes.**
 6 Q. -- but certainly it seems from a telephone transcript
 7 that I will take you to in due course that you have made
 8 some effort to get in touch with Mr Cousen that day, can
 9 you help us at all as to whether you had been making
 10 attempts to contact or how you sought to identify the
 11 appropriate person within GMP to speak to?
 12 **A. Yes, one of the things I do recall about that, it was**
 13 **very, very difficult to get hold of decision makers**
 14 **within this thing, within GMP and I am not sure whether**
 15 **that was a fault with our telephone system or it was**
 16 **just that they were uncontactable. I don't recall the**
 17 **reasons why, I just recall that I found it difficult to**
 18 **be able to get hold of certain individuals within GMP**
 19 **over that period of time.**
 20 Q. Can you help, we can see the document behind tab 7 at
 21 page 26, which is the Word robbery document, the
 22 specific contact of Detective Inspector Fernandes and
 23 a telephone number. Do you recall whether you made any
 24 attempt or to speak to or did in fact speak to
 25 Officer Fernandes?

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1 **A. I certainly recall trying to get hold of**
 2 **Officer Fernandes and I may well have done so, but**
 3 **I don't recall.**
 4 Q. Excuse me whilst I get the next document to take you to,
 5 please. (Pause)
 6 Could I ask you, please, it is in the M1 bundle,
 7 please, so it is the incident, and it is page 159, it is
 8 the entry, please, for 12.30.
 9 We can see that you updated Inspector Dickinson:
 10 "No standing firearms authority granted for this
 11 incident. Patrols to remain in area and provide support
 12 to cash in transit and to be in a position to respond
 13 should further intel be received. Patrols have
 14 acknowledged this and moving back to BA7 for comms."
 15 Could you help us what "BA7 for comms" means?
 16 **A. It is a good five years since I have used this**
 17 **terminology, so I think BA7 might be a force location,**
 18 **a police station or something like that.**
 19 Q. Thank you.
 20 **A. "Comms", might be a typo, it might be refs, 12.30**
 21 **thinking it might be going back to ...**
 22 Q. Can you assist us in terms of the incident recording you
 23 saying at this time there was to be in standing firearms
 24 authority. Can you help us as to the process behind
 25 that or who you spoke to and why that decision was made

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1 for no standing firearms authority, please?
 2 **A. I seem to recall that was after a consultation, it might**
 3 **have been with ACC McCormick, with the very, very**
 4 **limited intelligence that we had, it didn't justify or**
 5 **warrant a standing firearms authority at this time.**
 6 **But to mitigate, I think we put support for the cash**
 7 **in transits, so the high viability patrols, that was the**
 8 **alternative that we put in place.**
 9 Q. Thank you. Could I take you back into your witness
 10 bundle, please, and the next timing that we have from
 11 the documents to assist us as to your involvement that
 12 day is behind tab 6, please.
 13 It certainly seems, as of the timing of you sending
 14 the email at 14.55 to Steve Holliwell, that you had made
 15 the link between the two incidents, because we can see
 16 at 14.55 on 2 March you forwarded to Steve Holliwell the
 17 email that you had received earlier that morning, which
 18 included the Op Shire MASTS document of 2 March, yes.
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Can you assist as to why you would have forwarded that
 21 to Steve Holliwell, so the information as to the
 22 Op Shire MASTS?
 23 **A. I couldn't tell you exactly why I sent it to Steve,**
 24 **unless I was aware that our intel unit was working on**
 25 **this and possibly didn't have that document. So if our**

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1 **intelligence unit was working on something linked to**
 2 **this, it is important they make as informed a decision**
 3 **as possible. So if I've got any information that they**
 4 **can develop, then obviously I would send it to him.**
 5 Q. Could I ask you, staying in the same bundle, please, to
 6 turn behind tab 9.
 7 We can see there, at 15.56 you forwarded to
 8 Geraint Jones the Word "Culcheth robbery" research
 9 document that Mr Holliwell had provided to you. Can you
 10 assist as to why you provided that information to
 11 Geraint Jones?
 12 **A. I couldn't give you the exact reason, other than to say**
 13 **that if Geraint was one of the cover officers for the**
 14 **force, then I would sooner he be aware of it in case,**
 15 **rather than it is dropped on him without his knowledge.**
 16 **When you are working in that environment, I think**
 17 **all the information that can be made available to you as**
 18 **soon as possible is helpful for your decision making.**
 19 **So I would have kept Geraint in the loop.**
 20 Q. I am going to take you, please, now to entries that we
 21 have from Officer Cousen who was the SIO for
 22 Operation Shire. His book, please, is in bundle K?
 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Can we take stock of the timetable at this
 24 stage, Ms Cartwright? I am thinking of the stenographer
 25 and shorthand writer, we can either carry on until 1.00,

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1 but that will mean going on in a single stint of an hour
 2 and a half.
 3 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, there are only a few more entries for
 4 the 2nd but there is quite a few for the 3rd because
 5 there is also transcripts that Cheshire have managed to
 6 find. We may be better continuing realistically now
 7 till 1.00, taking an ordinary lunch and then convening
 8 after lunch rather than seeking to try and achieve this,
 9 as I had indicated before, with another short break?
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Carry on, right.
 11 MS CARTWRIGHT: It is bundle K, please, sir, page 1244.
 12 **A. 1244?**
 13 Q. Yes. This is SIO Cousen's daybook and we can see for
 14 his entry for 2 March 2012, he references:
 15 "Contacted by DI Fernandes, Chief Inspector
 16 Chris Brierley requires contacting."
 17 Then the various numbers, I think both your landline
 18 number and your mobile number. Then there is an entry
 19 at 4.00:
 20 "Ring Chris Brierley, provide intelligence briefing
 21 regarding Op Shire and activities for yesterday evening.
 22 Inform Chris that there is no specific intelligence
 23 relating to other geographical location or specific
 24 premises. Chris asks if we put in any mitigation in the
 25 area the OCG have visited, Leigh, St Helens et cetera,

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1 inform that no other mitigation is in place."
 2 Sorry, I do apologise, Mr Weatherby rightly corrects
 3 me that it is in fact:
 4 "Intelligence relating to either geographical
 5 location and specific premises."
 6 Thank you.
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: It should be "either"?
 8 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes.
 9 Can I ask, Mr Brierley, reading this entry, can you
 10 assist any further as to your discussion with Mr Cousen
 11 around 4.00 on 2 March?
 12 **A. Sorry, what is it you are wanting -- what else did we**
 13 **talk about or.**
 14 Q. Can you assist, I am trying to ascertain what if
 15 anything else you can assist as to that discussion,
 16 whether you have a recollection of it --
 17 **A. I do have a recollection of it. I wouldn't have been**
 18 **able to be accurate as to the time it took place, but**
 19 **I recollect that it was -- I had the feeling that they**
 20 **knew something that they were not telling us because**
 21 **there were no other mitigating factors being put in**
 22 **place in other locations that these people had visited.**
 23 **So I was probably questioning more as to why Culcheth?**
 24 **Why not the other areas?**
 25 Q. Yes. In terms of when you say you felt there was things

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1 he was not telling you, did you challenge him to try and
 2 get more information from him?
 3 **A. No. I don't think I did. I -- it is a difficult**
 4 **situation because you rely on their skill and**
 5 **experience, that they tell you what they believe you**
 6 **need to know to be able to do your job and I understand**
 7 **that an intelligence environment, that it needs to be**
 8 **kept tight. So if somebody is not telling me something**
 9 **in a situation like this, there is a reason for it,**
 10 **because you would expect to be as informed as you can be**
 11 **to be able to do your job. So I would have trusted him**
 12 **to have told me all the things I needed to know without**
 13 **compromising his position or role.**
 14 Q. In terms of then the information that Mr Cousen has
 15 recorded he passed to you, how would you have been
 16 factoring that into your decision-making processes at
 17 that time, as the silver commander?
 18 **A. Well, he hasn't really told me a great deal according to**
 19 **that, so it wouldn't have significantly changed what**
 20 **tactic we had in place at that time I don't believe.**
 21 Q. Again, in terms of having a discussion with an SIO,
 22 would you have made notes of this discussion?
 23 **A. Probably. Something like this probably would have gone**
 24 **in my pocket notebook.**
 25 **Could I ask you please to move back, please, within**

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1 **your witness bundle, behind tab 4 -- I apologise, that**
 2 **is the wrong reference. It is the email you sent at**
 3 **5.20. Just ... I think it is tab 12. Tab 12, please,**
 4 **I apologise.**
 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay.
 6 MS CARTWRIGHT: We can see at 5.21 on 2 March, you provide
 7 an update to the gold commander Jeanette McCormick,
 8 copying in Geraint Jones and Paul Williams. Can I ask,
 9 in terms of Paul Williams, we heard some information
 10 that Paul Williams was an officer I think in the CID.
 11 Why would Paul Williams be being copied into this email,
 12 please.
 13 **A. I don't know, is the -- I had seen this email before and**
 14 **I can't understand why Paul Williams was involved in**
 15 **this. I seem to remember Paul Williams was in PSD,**
 16 **professional standards, so whether he had a role within**
 17 **the situation, I can't recall I am afraid. But for me**
 18 **to copy Paul into it, he must have been -- he must have**
 19 **had some force position that would have needed to be**
 20 **aware.**
 21 Q. We can see you set out within the email:
 22 "Ma'am, just to give you the update re the GMP
 23 operation that has been running last night. A request
 24 was made for authority to Mr Gerrard last night for
 25 authorisation for them to possibly run a MASTS. See

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1 below PowerPoint [again, the 2 March 2012 PowerPoint was
 2 attached]. The initial intel I received this morning
 3 from FIB did not link the two incidents. That came
 4 later after numerous contacts with various members of
 5 GMP. I have eventually spoken to DI Robin Cousen who is
 6 running Op Shire, he has made no specific request to us
 7 to do anything with regards to this as there is no
 8 victim, location, time and the OCG he has been
 9 surveilling have visited numerous locations as well as
 10 Culcheth, they also visited Leigh and GMP are putting no
 11 plans in place for that location.
 12 "In light of this and having discussed what we have
 13 at length with Detective Superintendent Geraint Jones,
 14 I feel it is appropriate to adopt a similar position,
 15 GMP have technical on a vehicle, stolen, that is being
 16 used by the group and will notify Cheshire via the FIM
 17 if intel suggests they are coming on to us tonight or
 18 any other night over the weekend. If that is the case,
 19 we can treat it as a spontaneous incident and react
 20 accordingly.
 21 "Also, if they do target and enter a premises
 22 overnight, then according to DI Cousen a potential MO is
 23 for offenders to await the arrival of staff inside the
 24 building and strike when the safe is opened. But,
 25 again, there is no specific intel. Both Geraint and

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1 I are on this weekend, as is Paul Williams, so will be
 2 familiar with the incident. I hope this meets with your
 3 approval."
 4 Pausing there for a minute, it seems from the text
 5 of the email that Paul Williams was copied in because he
 6 was going to be on duty at the weekend. Does that
 7 assist in terms of why you would have CCed him into this
 8 email?
 9 **A. Possibly, again without speaking to Paul Williams**
 10 **I wouldn't be too familiar as to why I would copy him**
 11 **into it. But he is obviously relevant, otherwise**
 12 **I wouldn't have copied him into it.**
 13 Q. We can see within the text of this email sent at 5.21,
 14 that further information is provided within your email
 15 as to what was discussed from Mr Cousen. Can I ask you,
 16 specifically, there is reference to this MO of offenders
 17 waiting inside premises. Reading this email now, can
 18 you assist us any further about what was said about
 19 that?
 20 **A. Yes. I can only assume, joining the dots, that I had**
 21 **spoken to DI Cousen a short time earlier and that must**
 22 **have come from at that conversation.**
 23 Q. Again, in terms of you specifically reference that you
 24 are told there is a technical, and can I just ensure
 25 that I am reading this correctly so you knew there was

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1 a tracker device on the stolen vehicle?
 2 **A. Yes, I had to double take myself, having been out of**
 3 **this jargon for a long time and yes, that is exactly**
 4 **what it is.**
 5 Q. Can you assist us, because what the email seems to
 6 suggest is Mr Cousen told you that Cheshire would be
 7 informed, essentially the moment that stolen vehicle
 8 moved because they had the ability to do that because
 9 they had a tracker device on the car, so the moment it
 10 moved, if it was then, Cheshire would be notified?
 11 **A. I am not quite sure where it says that he said -- told**
 12 **me, that they would inform us immediately.**
 13 Q. Sorry, let's look at the wording rather than my summary,
 14 which may be inaccurate, of what is recorded:
 15 "GMP have technical on a vehicle ... that is being
 16 used by the group and will notify Cheshire via the FIM
 17 if intel suggests they are coming on to us tonight or
 18 any other night over the weekend."
 19 **A. Yes, that is not quite immediately.**
 20 Q. Yes.
 21 Again, are you able to assist in terms of your
 22 understanding about relevant updates that will be
 23 provided to Cheshire?
 24 **A. Yes. From what I have written there, my interpretation**
 25 **would have been that as soon as we need to know**

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1 **something, they will inform us. That would have been my**
 2 **interpretation of that. That if they feel that they**
 3 **were going to come on to us, that at the earliest**
 4 **opportunity they would tell us.**
 5 Q. Can I ask, in terms of the plan that seems to be
 6 reflected on this, essentially GMP were not asking you
 7 to do anything. In terms of the plan that had been
 8 arrived at in terms of adopting that similar position
 9 that is set out, can you assist as to how it was arrived
 10 at, as to how Cheshire and how you as a silver commander
 11 determined what should be done at that time?
 12 **A. That would have been in conversation with ACC McCormick**
 13 **agreeing that GMP would own the firearms incident unless**
 14 **it developed on us and we were required to assist with**
 15 **containment.**
 16 Q. Can I ask, the email references a lengthy discussion
 17 with Geraint Jones "about what we have", is that
 18 a reference to a discussion relating to resources?
 19 **A. Possibly, but also possibly intelligence.**
 20 Q. Okay. Can you assist us any further about that specific
 21 discussion with Geraint Jones you are referencing in the
 22 email?
 23 **A. No, other than to say that, as I said earlier,**
 24 **Geraint Jones's counsel is somebody's who I value, so**
 25 **I would have run it by Geraint to make sure that what**

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1 **I was thinking was -- stood up, so I would have just**
 2 **spoke to Geraint and made sure that he was okay with**
 3 **what I was thinking about tactics.**
 4 Q. Thank you.
 5 **A. And I would have done that before I would have spoken to**
 6 **ACC McCormick.**
 7 Q. Thank you.
 8 Could I just go back, just in time, just briefly,
 9 please, so we are at 5.21 on 2 March but could I just
 10 momentarily take you back to tab 23, please, which is
 11 an email from 4.33 pm on 2 March. We can see that
 12 Stephen Holliwel emailed you at 4.33:
 13 "Sir, I have updated the occurrence with the
 14 inquiries today. Safe Cash have let me know the details
 15 of possible deliveries for tomorrow. These have been
 16 placed upon the occurrence also. If you need to speak
 17 to me you can contact me on my personal mobile and not
 18 my works number at the moment."
 19 Can I ask, in terms of then Mr Holliwel going off
 20 duty, in your mind at that time, as a silver commander,
 21 did you feel that any further research needed to be done
 22 in respect of the intelligence?
 23 **A. Sorry, could you repeat that one?**
 24 Q. We can see this is almost a sign off, as Mr Holliwel --
 25 the Inquiry has heard evidence that essentially he was

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1 going off duty on the Friday, and we have also heard
 2 evidence that the FIB is not staffed over the weekend.
 3 Can I ask: in your mind at that time was there any
 4 further intelligence research that was needed to be deny
 5 by Cheshire?
 6 **A. Not that I recall, no.**
 7 Q. Can I ask, in terms of as the silver commander and the
 8 resources that Cheshire had, if there had been
 9 additional intelligence that had needed to be researched
 10 and developed over a weekend, how would that be dealt
 11 with?
 12 **A. If I felt there was intelligence that needed to be**
 13 **developed?**
 14 Q. Yes.
 15 **A. Not knowing the intelligence world as I probably need**
 16 **to, I would probably get straight into somebody like**
 17 **Geraint Jones and he would know exactly who would be**
 18 **available, what resources in that area would be**
 19 **available to us. So if some intelligence came into me**
 20 **that needed developing, the first person I would**
 21 **probably speak to would either be Geraint or**
 22 **Paul Williams and they would know who it needed to go to**
 23 **and who would develop it.**
 24 Q. Thank you.
 25 Can I then take you back into Officer Cousen's

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1 casebook, please.
 2 THE CHAIRMAN: So that is K?
 3 MS CARTWRIGHT: It is page 1245, please.
 4 We can see within Mr Cousen's notebook at 8.00 on
 5 2 March, he has referenced trying to contact you on both
 6 mobile and landline number with no answer. Then
 7 a similar entry at 8.36, to attempt to contact you and
 8 left a message to contact you.
 9 Can you assist, do you recall receiving a message
 10 from Mr Cousen to contact you?
 11 **A. No --**
 12 Q. You to contact him?
 13 **A. -- but I would have gone off duty by then, so I would**
 14 **have been an hour off duty, so that would have been**
 15 **a works phone. So if he has left on message on my**
 16 **landline number in my office, then I would not have**
 17 **picked that up the following day. Likewise, a message**
 18 **on my works phone, I would not have picked that up until**
 19 **the following day either.**
 20 Q. Can you assist us when you would have gone off duty?
 21 **A. 7.00. I would have been on a 7.00-7.00 shift, and**
 22 **I don't think there was anything that kept me beyond**
 23 **that time.**
 24 Q. Thank you.
 25 Can I take you, please, to one of the transcripts of

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1 the call that we have, please, and it is in -- there is
 2 a separate bundle, where hopefully, to speed us through
 3 in due course, I have placed the relevant transcripts of
 4 calls, so there should be a folder, a blue folder. It
 5 doesn't have a number, it just had ...
 6 MR BEER: Perhaps I will come to that call then, after the
 7 break.
 8 Just though, there is one other email then, please,
 9 that if I could take you to, could I take you please to
 10 tab 3 in your witness bundle, please. The call I am
 11 going to take you to is not a direct call from you but
 12 it references a discussion that you were having with the
 13 night chief inspector and I think giving a briefing
 14 before you went off duty. I will deal with it within
 15 the transcript.
 16 The next entry I want to take you to, please, is the
 17 email behind tab 3. We can see a response from
 18 Jeanette McCormick to you at 8.39 on 2 March responding
 19 to your 5.20 email that we have already dealt with,
 20 simply responding:
 21 "Thanks re this. Seems sensible."
 22 Would you have seen that email that evening or is it
 23 something you would have accessed when you came back in
 24 the next day?
 25 **A. The next day. I didn't use a BlackBerry, so ...**

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1 Q. Thank you.
 2 We are going to move, then, please to -- in fact we
 3 do in fact need that bundle.
 4 THE CHAIRMAN: Look, there are two ways of doing this, I can
 5 rise now while it is found but I am wondering whether --
 6 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, this may be a natural place.
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: -- it might make more sense simply to have
 8 the normal break at this stage.
 9 MR BEER: Perhaps then if we take an early lunch and then
 10 reconvene, because the folder was placed in court,
 11 because most of what needs to be gone through now is
 12 those transcripts that take us through the events of
 13 3 March.
 14 THE CHAIRMAN: Right.
 15 MS CARTWRIGHT: Once we find it, it should be a quicker
 16 exercise.
 17 THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We will say 2.00. That will give
 18 us plenty of time, won't it.
 19 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes, sir.
 20 THE CHAIRMAN: Ah, wait a minute. It might be that Mrs Shaw
 21 has managed to find it.
 22 MS CARTWRIGHT: It is, thank you.
 23 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mrs Shaw.
 24 Shall we carry on then until about 1.00?
 25 MS CARTWRIGHT: I will do, thank you, sir.

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1 Mr Brierley, we can see within the first document,
 2 which is a call at 19.17 on 2 March 2012, and that is
 3 M6/31.
 4 It is not a call that you are party to, but we can
 5 see within some of these calls that I will be taking you
 6 through there is reference made as to what you are
 7 doing, which helps assist us. If I can ask you to look
 8 at page 32, we can see in this call, between
 9 Alan Fairclough, who is the FIM at that time in a call
 10 to Sam, there is a reference on page 32:
 11 "The night chief inspector we were just talking
 12 through about which operation, we were talking through
 13 this Culcheth one and what we are going to do about it,
 14 so we had a bit of a briefing from the day locum."
 15 Can you assist us as to who the night chief
 16 inspector was?
 17 **A. No, but actually that might be where Paul Williams kicks**
 18 **in. It might have been Paul Williams. I think he was**
 19 **chief inspector at the time, so he could have been the**
 20 **night locum, which might explain why I have copied him**
 21 **in to some of the emails previous. That's just**
 22 **a lightbulb moment there.**
 23 Q. Can you assist us as to what the briefing would have
 24 been that you had given to the night chief inspector,
 25 what you would have been handing over before you went

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1 off duty?
 2 **A. It would have been very similar to the -- in context to**
 3 **the briefing I had from Peter Crowcroft at 7.00 in the**
 4 **morning. What you will do is, if there are any live**
 5 **incidents or any incidents that are potentially going to**
 6 **impact on the officer covering for the next 12 hours,**
 7 **you would notify them and you would let them know what**
 8 **you know and any contact details et cetera that they**
 9 **might need to know. A lot of it would be covered on the**
 10 **incident, incident 180.**
 11 **So along those lines, you would have said, we would**
 12 **have talked about missing from homes, we would have**
 13 **talked about any other incidents, it is a Friday night**
 14 **I think, so Friday nights is, you know, it is**
 15 **operational so there would be staffing issues, there**
 16 **would be all sorts of issues. So you would go through**
 17 **the whole gamut of policing really and this would just**
 18 **be one element of it. So I would have said:**
 19 **"You probably need to read incident 180, this is**
 20 **what we know."**
 21 **And there will be some emails that I will have sent**
 22 **you that have been sent to him, he has been copied into.**
 23 **So over his self-briefing period, at 7.00 pm, he would**
 24 **have gone through the incidents I sent him, he would**
 25 **probably have read incident 180 even if it was**

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1 **restricted he would have had access to it, so ...**
 2 Q. Thank you.
 3 If we move to the events of 3 March 2012, and the
 4 next call that is in the bundle there is the transcript
 5 of the telephone call from 07.14 on 3 March, between you
 6 and the force incident manager that was at that time
 7 operating in Cheshire, Ian Stead. That will be
 8 bundle M8, page 36.
 9 Mr Brierley, what I am going to do, partly for self
 10 interest, to save my failing voice is ask you because
 11 these transcripts of the transmissions that Cheshire,
 12 through the endeavours of Officers Massey, Stubbs and
 13 Schofield, they have managed to obtain from
 14 interrogating the systems and going back through things
 15 to obtain the transcripts of these transmission radio
 16 calls, so they are live time, they are contemporaneous,
 17 and so I am going to ask you --
 18 **A. Are they telephone calls or radio calls?**
 19 Q. Well, there is an evidential report that deals with
 20 whether it is a telephone call or a transmission but for
 21 the purposes of this next one, I am going to ask you
 22 because it is specifically you giving information to
 23 Ian Stead, if we can work through the transcript, you
 24 can play yourself and I will be Mr Stead -- is it Stead
 25 or Stead?

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1 **A. It is Stead and Brierley.**
 2 Q. Yes.
 3 We can see that the call starts --
 4 **A. Sorry, where are we page wise, are we back on the blue?**
 5 Q. Yes, so it is the 7.14, it is the second transcript.
 6 THE CHAIRMAN: Page 36, if your copy is numbered as mine, it
 7 will be the bottom right-hand corner, page 36.
 8 **A. Thank you.**
 9 MS CARTWRIGHT: "Hi FIM, Ian Stead speaking."
 10 **A. You want me to read mine?**
 11 Q. I want you to be you please.
 12 **A. "Morning Ian, Chris Brierley, how are you?"**
 13 Q. "Hiya boss, are you well?"
 14 **A. "Not too bad at all, not too bad at all."**
 15 Q. Then there was a discussion that doesn't touch upon the
 16 Inquiry:
 17 "The only thing this is this firearm is not firearms
 18 intel -- sorry, the robbery intel, were you on
 19 yesterday?"
 20 **A. "Yes, I spent my entire day on it."**
 21 Q. "Yes, I don't know I was going to raise it at tasking
 22 this morning. I don't know whether we are going to make
 23 enquiries if there is going to be any cash deliveries
 24 today."
 25 **A. "Well that could be done at level 2. If you could do**

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1 **that through FIB and [inaudible as IS is speaking at the**
 2 **same time]."**
 3 Q. "I mention it on level 2 tasking."
 4 **A. "Yes, I will be there. Geraint, Geraint Jones, is the**
 5 **super on that, he is on cover, I briefed him yesterday.**
 6 **We discussed it. If there going to be any CITs then yes**
 7 **we can do the high vis follows on the cash in transits."**
 8 Q. "Would we -- would we give authority for that?"
 9 **A. "No, no authority, just -- it is just a normal routine."**
 10 Q. "Because authority was given yesterday, you know?"
 11 **A. "Yes, I know, based on flawed intelligence. I got**
 12 **an intel document from them."**
 13 Q. "Yes."
 14 Just pausing there, for a minute, when you reference
 15 there "flawed intelligence", can you just explain what
 16 you meant?
 17 **A. Not really, no.**
 18 **Possibly just I wasn't -- I was fairly confident**
 19 **I was not told everything, so the intelligence I was**
 20 **working from may be -- "flawed" was probably not the**
 21 **right word.**
 22 **But I am trying to think back about the use of one**
 23 **word, so it would be difficult for me to be too critical**
 24 **about it.**
 25 Q. Yes.

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1 Can we continue then over the page at page 38 where
 2 you continue, please.
 3 **A. Yes:**
 4 **"That said, and I will quote in a second the intel**
 5 **I got before I got Operation -- before I was told about**
 6 **the Operation Shire I got basically intel that there has**
 7 **been some suspicious activity in the Culcheth area from**
 8 **unknown people, unknown location, unknown times and**
 9 **unknown vehicles and that is what I got. May be doing**
 10 **a cash in transit. Based on that bit of information**
 11 **I spoke to Jeanette McCormick, we authorised, well it**
 12 **was working towards a standing authority. I just said**
 13 **authorise while they are doing these cash in transit at**
 14 **the moment whilst we source or fill in the intelligence**
 15 **gaps.**
 16 Q. "Right."
 17 **A. Sorry:**
 18 **"On with some digging and it took most of day to**
 19 **eventually get hold of the DI running who is Shire and**
 20 **I still don't think he has told me everything. But**
 21 **there was a PowerPoint presentation that they did and**
 22 **they were following them last night on [I think it might**
 23 **be] and the night before on Thursday night and they got**
 24 **an authority to do a MASTS on us by Graham Gerrard.**
 25 **"I think they thought this job was going down on**

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1 Thursday night and they stood everyone down on Friday
 2 and they were going to pick it back up on Monday so they
 3 have either got some updated intelligence, which they
 4 have certainly not told us about, or it was a belt and
 5 braces job just in case on Thursday night when they were
 6 with them."
 7 Q. "Right I am with you."
 8 A. "But I don't know so the latest intelligence I got from
 9 the DI was there is no intelligence. This is
 10 Robin Cousen from GMP."
 11 Q. "Rob Cousen, he was a skater wasn't he?"
 12 A. "He was, yes. They have been following this Salford OCG
 13 since 13 January in Cheshire, Lancs, Merseyside, Staffs,
 14 GMP and Derbyshire. Culcheth was just one of places
 15 they stopped. They also stopped in Leigh in Manchester
 16 yesterday ..."
 17 Sorry:
 18 "Stopped Leigh in Manchester, which is only
 19 literally a couple of miles away from Culcheth. So
 20 I said, 'Okay, what provisions are you putting in in
 21 Leigh?' None, none at all we have policed it there,
 22 nothing, GMP need do nothing, so on that basis rather
 23 than just put some high vis armed patrols outside some
 24 of our potentially vulnerable premises in Culcheth and
 25 scare them off if they are doing another recce, we have

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1 adopted the same policy."
 2 Q. "Right."
 3 A. "But I do -- I will want from level 2 if we can any cash
 4 in transits that are expected and if there are, I would
 5 like a mobile patrol following them."
 6 Q. "Yes, that is super that, boss, no problem at all."
 7 A. "No authorities".
 8 Q. "Yes, lovely, and I will see you level 2 unless
 9 something comes in but I will make sure that is sorted
 10 out."
 11 A. "Brilliant, okay, Ian, thanks mate."
 12 Q. Just shortly then before the break, can I just deal with
 13 a few matters then from this call. Could you explain
 14 the level 2 meeting that was going to take place?
 15 A. Yes, I did touch on it earlier on.
 16 Q. Yes.
 17 A. What we had, when I was there was you had an area, so
 18 the force was set up into three force areas, eastern,
 19 northern and western, and I was operations manager for
 20 the eastern area so I would sit in on the eastern area
 21 tasking, which was -- I think that took place between
 22 8.00 and 9.00 and then it went on to level 2 which was
 23 force area and as I was at that time I was the force
 24 locum, then it would be incumbent on me to make sure
 25 I was sitting in on the level 2 tasking. So that could

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1 be force wide incidents that I would have ownership of
 2 for the duration of my tour. So I would sit in on
 3 there, obviously Geraint Jones and other people who
 4 either were going to contribute to it or needed to know.
 5 Q. Thank you.
 6 Can I ask you secondly, the transcript of the
 7 transmission sets out that if there was to be any cash
 8 in transits in Culcheth on the Saturday, that there was
 9 going to be a visible presence from Cheshire's point of
 10 view?
 11 A. Yes, that is certainly the impression I got from that as
 12 well.
 13 Q. That seems to be what you are saying, if any cash in
 14 transit that are expected --
 15 THE CHAIRMAN: Where is that, sorry?
 16 MS CARTWRIGHT: Bottom of page 39, sir:
 17 "I want level 2, if we can any cash in transits that
 18 are expected and if there are, I would like a mobile
 19 patrol following them."
 20 A. Yes, it was a tactic that was employed certainly around
 21 Christmas periods when there were lots of cash in
 22 transits to various premises that we would do follows,
 23 marked police vehicles as more of a deterrent. And so
 24 that was a tactic that I think we were employing in
 25 that -- that occasion as well.

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1 In the absence of any clear intelligence, we thought
 2 it might be better to just deter rather than try and put
 3 a full operation in place.
 4 Q. Yes, and can you assist us at all, do you recall whether
 5 there was any cash in transits in Culcheth that day and
 6 if --
 7 A. I seem to recall there was, but please don't ask me to
 8 tell you what they were.
 9 Q. Do you recall whether or not the tactic that you are
 10 indicating that you had hoped to be put in place,
 11 a visible police presence, would follow those cash in
 12 transits, is it done the day before?
 13 A. Sorry, say that one again.
 14 Q. If there had been cash in transits on the Saturday, was
 15 the tactic that you envisaged that would go with those
 16 cash in transit, being a visible police presence to
 17 follow them as it had been the day before?
 18 A. Yes, I think what you are saying, yes the same tactic as
 19 on the Friday to be employed on the Saturday, is what
 20 you are saying.
 21 Q. Yes.
 22 A. I think that was the case, yes.
 23 Q. Can I ask you then, the transmission transcript also
 24 sets out, on the last page on page 40, where you are
 25 saying, "No, no authorities", were you referencing

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1 a firearm authority there?
 2 **A. I think I must have been, yes.**
 3 Q. Why were you saying at that time no authorities?
 4 **A. Because no authority had been granted, I don't think.**
 5 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, I think that is perhaps a convenient
 6 place to take lunch.
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, 2.05.
 8 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you.
 9 (1.00 pm)
 10 (The Luncheon Adjournment)
 11 (2.14 pm)
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Thomas, Mr Grainger is not in the room,
 13 I am sure it is not his fault but there comes a point at
 14 which we just have to get on with things.
 15 MR THOMAS: I understand that.
 16 THE CHAIRMAN: If you don't mind, I think we should start.
 17 Thank you.
 18 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you, sir.
 19 Mr Brierley, we were starting to deal with events of
 20 3 March but I apologise, there are two matters in
 21 respect of 2 March I have omitted to ask you so perhaps
 22 we can just touch on those first, please.
 23 Could you look, please, in bundle M5. The document
 24 starts earlier, but the page I just want to ask you
 25 about is page 46.

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1 It is the incident form, sir.
 2 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sorry.
 3 MS CARTWRIGHT: We have heard some evidence that the end of
 4 the firearms authority that had been granted on 2 March
 5 there was a system at Cheshire where the firearms
 6 authority would be reviewed and so this form is
 7 completed on the firearms authority being rescinded.
 8 Do you recall seeing forms like this during the
 9 course of your duty?
 10 **A. No.**
 11 Q. No?
 12 Then can I just very quickly then take you to -- we
 13 can see some text on page 49 which gives a summary,
 14 a closing summary almost, in respect of that firearms
 15 authority. We can see under "Points raised":
 16 "Concerns raised that GMP felt there was sufficient
 17 threat to inform Cheshire FIM. However they would not
 18 divulge what the threat was. This might have placed
 19 Cheshire's officers at risk which may have been
 20 mitigated with more information from GMP."
 21 Then the outstanding issues or the result of the
 22 debrief is recorded as it was discussed that:
 23 "... to take mitigating action was the most
 24 appropriate tactic in the circumstance in order to
 25 protect the public, it was suggested that better sharing

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1 of information from GMP would be beneficial in future
 2 incidents."
 3 Can you help us at all as to whether you were the
 4 author of that text we see on this document?
 5 **A. I wasn't the author of it and I am not necessarily sure**
 6 **that without further kind of information I would**
 7 **actually agree with it. So ...**
 8 Q. That was going to be my next question. In terms of the
 9 sentiment that is expressed there in respect of the
 10 firearms authority being granted on 2 March, do you
 11 agree with the general sentiment that is expressed on
 12 that closures review of the firearms authority?
 13 **A. Are you talking about the points raised or the result of**
 14 **the debrief?**
 15 Q. Both. In respect of the points raised first of all,
 16 would you agree with what is set out there?
 17 **A. It is very difficult to criticise GMP, not knowing what**
 18 **they knew that they could have told us, so not being**
 19 **privy to that information makes it very, very difficult**
 20 **to assess whether or not it was information that would**
 21 **have benefited us and not compromised the operation. So**
 22 **it is almost like I am sitting on the fence and I don't**
 23 **intend to, but unless I know what they knew, I can't**
 24 **really assess as to whether or not it would have**
 25 **benefited Cheshire to know it and then do a risk**

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1 **assessment of it as to whether or not us knowing it**
 2 **would compromise the operation.**
 3 **So I can't really answer that without knowing more**
 4 **about what they knew.**
 5 Q. Can I ask you then the same question essentially in
 6 respect of the result of the debrief. About the better
 7 sharing of information from GMP would be beneficial in
 8 future incidents?
 9 **A. I almost have to refer you back to the original answer**
 10 **that, unless I know what they knew, I can't really say**
 11 **that they told us everything that they could have told**
 12 **us. If that makes sense.**
 13 **So they may have told us everything that was**
 14 **necessary for us to be able to perform, hindsight is**
 15 **a wonderful thing but I am reluctant to take that as**
 16 **a criticism. I think any force should tell the other**
 17 **force absolutely everything that they can possibly tell**
 18 **without compromising. I suppose that is the best way of**
 19 **putting my point across. It would be very easy to just**
 20 **point the finger and say, "They never told us", but**
 21 **I don't know what they didn't tell us that would have**
 22 **been relevant.**
 23 Q. Can I ask you, in respect of this, I know you said you
 24 have not seen the document but did you following on from
 25 the events of 2 March provide any information or

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<p>1 feedback to Greater Manchester Police about, "Actually, 2 well more information would have been beneficial here to 3 Cheshire"?</p> <p>4 A. I don't think I did that. I asked him what he could 5 tell me.</p> <p>6 Q. When you say "he", who are you referring --</p> <p>7 A. I think I am talking about Robin Cousen here, and 8 I relied on his integrity that he would tell me all the 9 things that he was able to tell me.</p> <p>10 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>11 A. So I don't think I laboured the point with him, I just 12 kind of understood that there was a lot more that he 13 probably knew that he was not at liberty to tell me.</p> <p>14 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>15 If you want to put that bundle to one side, we will 16 be coming back to that bundle.</p> <p>17 Then the second question that I omitted to ask in 18 respect of 2 March is, were you at any point aware or 19 given information to indicate specifically that 20 David Totton and Anthony Grainger and another person 21 intended to commit a robbery on 3 March 2012 if the 22 opportunity arose, and if not to conduct reconnaissance 23 that day or to commit a robbery on 5 March 2012, the 24 target of which was in the case not known?</p> <p>25 A. So to clarify, you are asking me, did I know something</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 97</p>	<p>1 Inspector -- I don't want to get this wrong again, 2 Stead?</p> <p>3 A. I think it is Stead, yes.</p> <p>4 Q. It says:</p> <p>5 "Chief Inspector Brierley is TFC for Cheshire, will 6 call me. Cheshire duty ACC is Jeanette McCormick." 7 Then we see the following on entry at 8.15, but 8 before we get to that entry, could I then just take you 9 back into the bundle with the transcripts of calls 10 because we have a relevant transcript of a telephone 11 call at 8.12.</p> <p>12 For those it is M8/43.</p> <p>13 A. Okay, right.</p> <p>14 Q. We can see Ian Stead says:</p> <p>15 "Not bad, unfortunately GMP have just been on to me. 16 "Oh yeah. 17 "It would appear the information you had about 18 yesterday, nothing happening until Monday would be 19 incorrect. It looks like they have got a live job 20 running now and they need some cross border 21 cooperation." 22 We can see over the page Mark Granby has asked to go 23 straight to Jeanette McCormick and said you might need 24 to give him a ring first and just see what is going on. 25 Then your response is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 99</p>
<p>1 on the 2nd?</p> <p>2 Q. Yes this is in respect of 2 March. That information, 3 was it provided to you by Greater Manchester, in 4 particular Mr Cousen, on 2 March?</p> <p>5 A. Not that I recall and I think that would be something if 6 I had known that, that would have gone on the incident, 7 or certainly on to the firearms log or it would have 8 gone for further discussion, if we knew in advance.</p> <p>9 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>10 A. On the 2nd, sorry.</p> <p>11 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>12 I am going to then, for the rest of your evidence 13 now, just move through again the documentation we have 14 to piece together what you did over the events of 15 3 March.</p> <p>16 We have started that with the transmission of the 17 call. The next recorded entry we have that confirms 18 involvement that you had was in a discussion that you 19 had with the silver commander at Greater Manchester 20 Police, a Mr Granby. I need to take you, please, into 21 bundle F/422, please.</p> <p>22 Just to orientate you with this document, this is 23 the operation log that forms part of Officer Granby's 24 TFC log for 3 March 2012. We can see that at 8.10 he 25 has made a recording of having spoken to the FIM,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 98</p>	<p>1 "Right, yeah, I wouldn't mind, I wouldn't mind 2 knowing what is going on, but if he thinks it is 3 sensitive, that sensitive that he wants to deal straight 4 with ACPO I am okay with it."</p> <p>5 Then we get the response from the FIM, it was not 6 that sensitive he just wanted the authority to go across 7 the border, but I think we need to have a bit of an idea 8 what is going on.</p> <p>9 You essentially say, "I agree". And he is not 10 prepared to tell you, then he responds:</p> <p>11 "Well, sir, I've got a couple of things running, 12 a possible firearms job and a stabbing, I am just 13 wondering if you might be able to ring Mr Granby back." 14 Then you respond, "Not a problem".</p> <p>15 So it seems that directly after the call at 8.12 you 16 make contact with Mr Granby, because we have his 17 recorded entry at 8.15.</p> <p>18 Do you recall anything as to the discussion you had 19 with the silver commander at Greater Manchester Police, 20 Mr Granby, at that time?</p> <p>21 A. No. Not specifics.</p> <p>22 Q. What information would you be likely to have been 23 seeking from him at that time?</p> <p>24 A. Well, certainly if there was a change in circumstances, 25 as I knew them, I would expect to be told what those</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 100</p>

1 **circumstances or the changes were. So if they had, say,**
 2 **further intelligence that something else was going to**
 3 **occur or they had some firmer evidence, that involved**
 4 **Cheshire, I would expect for him to tell me if that was**
 5 **the right thing to do.**
 6 Q. In terms of where we see in his entry at page F/422 for
 7 8.15:
 8 "Chief Inspector Chris Brierley briefed of circes,
 9 will update ACC and arrange for her to call me."
 10 Do you have any recollection of what the brief of
 11 the circumstances was he gave to you?
 12 **A. I don't recall off the top of my head, no.**
 13 Q. Can I ask, it seems from his next entry that it would
 14 have been a very quick chat because certainly his next
 15 entry is 8.20, not relating to you. Can you help us at
 16 all as to the length of the call?
 17 **A. No, but less than five minutes it looks like, so ...**
 18 Q. Can you assist, had you any dealings previously with
 19 a police officer from Greater Manchester Police called
 20 Mark Granby?
 21 **A. No, I hadn't, I don't think so. And I had spoken to two**
 22 **or three different individuals and I think it might have**
 23 **been Cousen and possibly Fernandes, and I think this was**
 24 **a new name for me.**
 25 Q. In terms of, we can see and we will be going through

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1 that there are a number of contacts you have throughout
 2 the day on 3 March with Mr Granby. Can you assist as to
 3 whether or not during those calls you formed any
 4 impression of him?
 5 **A. Not one that I could recall, no.**
 6 **We can see that following on from having the contact**
 7 **with Mr Granby, you then do make contact, as was being**
 8 **suggested, with the gold commander, ACC McCormick.**
 9 **Before dealing with that though, can I ask in terms of**
 10 **a note that you would have made with the discussion with**
 11 **Mr Granby, would you first of all have been likely to**
 12 **make a note of that?**
 13 **A. If there had been significant information it would have**
 14 **gone in my pocket notebook.**
 15 Q. Thank you.
 16 Could I ask you then to look in the note that we
 17 have that the gold commander made then of the discussion
 18 with you. I have extracted it just there, it was from
 19 bundle M8, page 82. This is a typed note that
 20 ACC McCormick, as she then was, has created from notes
 21 she put in her daybook at the time. We can see that
 22 there was a discussion between you and her at that time:
 23 "Brief Chief Inspector Brierley re Op Shire, contact
 24 from tactical commander regarding updated information,
 25 planning operational deployment with firearms, potential

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1 for cross border deployment of firearms, assets in
 2 requesting cross border protocol to put in place with
 3 gold strategic commander and resources to remain with
 4 GMP. Current intelligence picture means threshold for
 5 deployment contact requested with Superintendent Granby
 6 re protocol."
 7 Then she sets out:
 8 "Agreed based on current threat and assets in place
 9 and dynamic nature of the operation that command and
 10 assets best placed to remain in GMP. Strategic and
 11 tactical command to remain in GMP, no resources
 12 required. In event of containment, phased transfer of
 13 command to be undertaken. Agreed protocol in line with
 14 this. No community impact, no ongoing tension in area,
 15 not been subject to policing restrictions, potential
 16 issues/risk for officers, unarmed deployed on routine
 17 protocol, potential if lost. Chief inspector to brief
 18 at stay safe for officers in location, ARVs to have
 19 default patrol to location in event needed."
 20 Can you assist or clarify any of that information we
 21 see in ACC McCormick's note?
 22 **A. Yes, the agreement was made between ACC McCormick and**
 23 **I am assuming it is Superintendent Granby that GMP will**
 24 **retain ownership of the event, of the incident, or the**
 25 **operation.**

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1 **And the only way that we will come into play**
 2 **tactically is in the event of a siege situation where we**
 3 **would be required if it was on us. So other than that,**
 4 **we were just to continue with knowledge that the**
 5 **potential might occur, so we deployed some resources.**
 6 **I think the patrol officers were -- if memory serves me**
 7 **correctly, the armed patrol officers were deployed to**
 8 **Risley or a nearby police station, not so much overt and**
 9 **the stay safe briefing was to be delivered to the**
 10 **routine patrol officers.**
 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Can I have that reference again, by the way?
 12 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes, M8/82, sir.
 13 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
 14 MS CARTWRIGHT: We will see in due course as we go through
 15 the events of the day, reference from the actual armed
 16 response officers that were based the Risley but can
 17 I just ask, can you perhaps give us a bit more detail as
 18 to the stay safe for officers in location, is that
 19 essentially to unarmed officers who would be in the
 20 Culcheth area, what information would be given to them?
 21 **A. Right. There is a stay safe briefing pack that we had.**
 22 **So without that, I wouldn't be able to give you the**
 23 **details of it now but --**
 24 Q. In a general way, what does it cover?
 25 **A. It is about awareness -- it covers their safety in**

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1 effect, so, the safety of them and the public, so things
 2 to look out for the way to behave, et cetera. It is
 3 a lot more detailed but it would be like a briefing pack
 4 that a supervisor would give to them.
 5 Q. How is that delivered, is everyone gathered or is it
 6 given over the comms?
 7 A. No, it would be -- I am not sure how this was
 8 specifically gathered but it would normally be the
 9 patrol sergeant, he or she would brief the team that
 10 would be patrolling that area or officers that covered
 11 that area or might cover that area, their supervisors
 12 should be briefing them and to say to be alert,
 13 et cetera.
 14 Q. Moving then along from this 8.20 record, we can see that
 15 around 8.30, you had contact with an officer by the name
 16 of Pope, who I understand was the TA --
 17 A. Sorry, where are you?
 18 Q. I am going to take you to that now.
 19 It is bundle M5, it is the TA log for Mr Pope which
 20 commences at page 110, please.
 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Before we go there, I just want to check that
 22 last reference. M8/82, was it?
 23 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes.
 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Right, let me make sure that we have it.
 25 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, if you have your witness bundle

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1 yesterday from ACC McCormick, it is contained within
 2 there, as well.
 3 THE CHAIRMAN: I have it here now. So this is the 8.20?
 4 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes.
 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, I have it.
 6 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you.
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Now we are looking at M?
 8 MS CARTWRIGHT: M5/110.
 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Do I need M8 anymore?
 10 MS CARTWRIGHT: No, sir.
 11 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
 12 Yes, I have it.
 13 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you. You can see this was the TA log
 14 that I think was started on 2 March, it was the officer
 15 that took over from Phaedra McLean who had been on duty
 16 the day before, but you can see on page 110 an entry at
 17 8.30 for 3 March:
 18 "Contacted by TFC, Chief Inspector Brierley,
 19 informed that he has been made aware that GMP wished to
 20 carry out a MASTS [I think that is] on pre-planned op in
 21 Culcheth area of Warrington."
 22 It states:
 23 "Cheshire gold aware, GMP retaining responsibility
 24 for operation, however Cheshire may be involved if
 25 subjects [housed?] whereby Cheshire will then contain

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1 subject premises and deal accordingly."
 2 I think you have given evidence a moment ago that
 3 that was your understanding as to the only scenario
 4 where Cheshire would potentially become involved.
 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Tactically involved.
 6 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes:
 7 "No further threat intel at this time. Await
 8 further details. Chief Inspector Brierley [something]
 9 document from GMP."
 10 There is reference to the OFC Chris Unsworth. Can
 11 you help decipher what that entry is?
 12 A. It looks like he has been a doctor in a previous life
 13 here.
 14 Q. There is reference to an OFC Chris Unsworth. Do you
 15 recall Chris Unsworth being the OFC that day?
 16 A. No, I don't.
 17 Q. Then it goes on:
 18 "Chief Inspector Brierley asks for [something] to
 19 note to northern. They are able to respond in a timely
 20 fashion ARV to be used ..."
 21 THE CHAIRMAN: Is that "ARV" actually, that word.
 22 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes:
 23 "... to be used as a contingency for [I think it
 24 looks like GMP Op] speak to CU [which I believe is
 25 Chris Unsworth] OFC, pass on above."

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1 Then there is an entry:
 2 "Discussion around going to Risley and stand by
 3 there ..."
 4 THE CHAIRMAN: ARV and OFC, is it?
 5 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes:
 6 "... to further brief if required."
 7 Then can I ask you about the next entry, please:
 8 "Discuss with CI [chief inspector] prudence of
 9 putting PIM on standby as MASTS is high risk tactic."
 10 Can you assist us as to that, so the prudence of
 11 putting PIM on standby as MASTS is a high risk tactic?
 12 A. I am assuming "PIM" means "post-incident manager".
 13 Q. Yes.
 14 A. It would -- well quite clearly it was a discussion that
 15 we had as to what options were available to us and if
 16 John Pope had recommended something like that I would
 17 have probably gone with him on it. He is far more
 18 experienced in that than me, so.
 19 Q. Do you recall, was the post-incident manager put on
 20 standby, him or her?
 21 A. I don't recall.
 22 Q. Okay. Then we can go on, it says:
 23 "FIM, Mr Stead, spoken to as well. Will speak to
 24 [you, it seems] chief inspector TFC re post-incident
 25 management, awaited further intel details, no tactics

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<p>1 discussed."</p> <p>2 Then the rest of the log, essentially, has been</p> <p>3 completed to "Awaiting details".</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. If I can take you then, please, back into the logs of</p> <p>6 the transcripts of the calls and the transmissions,</p> <p>7 because we see following on from this entry at 8.30 and</p> <p>8 the contact you had with Officer Pope, we see a call</p> <p>9 transcript for 8.32 which is at page M8/52 and we can</p> <p>10 see confirmation within that transcript --</p> <p>11 THE CHAIRMAN: Is this in the blue --</p> <p>12 MS CARTWRIGHT: Any of the calls that I refer to now will be</p> <p>13 contained within your bundle.</p> <p>14 THE CHAIRMAN: Right, okay.</p> <p>15 MS CARTWRIGHT: They have been extracted.</p> <p>16 THE CHAIRMAN: I don't need to worry about the M8 business?</p> <p>17 MS CARTWRIGHT: No, that is for the core participants</p> <p>18 following.</p> <p>19 THE CHAIRMAN: Certainly. I have it.</p> <p>20 MS CARTWRIGHT: You can see you set out:</p> <p>21 "Right, okay I am just dealing with this firearms</p> <p>22 job with GMP at the moment."</p> <p>23 Then the FIM sets out:</p> <p>24 "Right, okay funnily enough Chris Unsworth just</p> <p>25 walked in so I will tell him that might be rumbling."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 109</p>	<p>1 time.</p> <p>2 Q. Can I ask, in terms of you forming that impression,</p> <p>3 certainly on 3 March, the only GMP officer that you have</p> <p>4 spoken to is Mr Granby, yes?</p> <p>5 A. Hmm.</p> <p>6 Q. So the impression that you are feeding, the reference to</p> <p>7 a proper job here that you believe was going to happen</p> <p>8 that morning, would it be fair to say that is</p> <p>9 an impression that may have been given from your</p> <p>10 discussion with Mr Granby?</p> <p>11 A. Possibly, or via Jeanette McCormick. If he has spoken</p> <p>12 to Jeanette McCormick as well, it might well have been</p> <p>13 as a combination of both telephone calls.</p> <p>14 Q. Can I ask you then, in terms of your impression that the</p> <p>15 job was going to happen that morning, where did you get</p> <p>16 that impression from?</p> <p>17 A. I can only assume from the intelligence that I was given</p> <p>18 from either Mr Granby or Ms McCormick.</p> <p>19 Q. Can I ask, in terms of the transcript we see reference</p> <p>20 to Chris Unsworth coming in and we can see at the next</p> <p>21 document behind tab 18 in your witness bundle, please --</p> <p>22 THE CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, let me sort out my files.</p> <p>23 We are now going to tab 18?</p> <p>24 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes, sir.</p> <p>25 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 111</p>
<p>1 You respond:</p> <p>2 "Yeah, if you can do. I have just spoke to</p> <p>3 Jeannette McCormick she has go there, she is going to</p> <p>4 speak to GMP and I am just on the phone to John Pope at</p> <p>5 the moment, so can I call you back on this job?</p> <p>6 "Oh, right so it might be a proper job?"</p> <p>7 The FIM says, and you respond:</p> <p>8 "Oh, it is a proper job and I think it is going to</p> <p>9 happen this morning."</p> <p>10 We can see essentially how what is in the records</p> <p>11 ties up here with the conversations you were having --</p> <p>12 A. Yes.</p> <p>13 Q. -- but can I ask you in terms of providing to the FIM at</p> <p>14 that time that you believed it was a proper job, what</p> <p>15 did you mean by that?</p> <p>16 A. A lot of potential jobs don't come off in the police.</p> <p>17 Q. Yes.</p> <p>18 A. And sometimes you just get it, a gut feeling, or some</p> <p>19 intelligence come in that would make you, would indicate</p> <p>20 that this one is a real live one. So a lot of non-jobs,</p> <p>21 a lot of hurry up and waits and nothing happens and</p> <p>22 obviously the firearms teams will attest to that far</p> <p>23 better than I will. That a lot of their time will be</p> <p>24 spent waiting and things don't materialise, but the</p> <p>25 indications were that this one was going to -- at that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 110</p>	<p>1 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sorry, I think that is a rogue reference.</p> <p>2 I apologise. It is tab 13, sir, I do apologise.</p> <p>3 THE CHAIRMAN: 13.</p> <p>4 MS CARTWRIGHT: Which is M7/43.</p> <p>5 Having seen reference to Chris Unsworth in Pope's TA</p> <p>6 log and reference to him going in to speak to the FIM,</p> <p>7 we can see at 8.38 you forward to Christopher Unsworth</p> <p>8 a copy of the Op Shire MASTS. Can you assist, was</p> <p>9 Mr Unsworth fulfilling the duty at that time of the</p> <p>10 bronze commander?</p> <p>11 A. I don't recall what Chris Unsworth's role was at that</p> <p>12 time so -- but I think he must have been bronze.</p> <p>13 Q. Do you recall giving a briefing to Mr Unsworth around</p> <p>14 that time?</p> <p>15 A. I don't recall giving him a briefing, no.</p> <p>16 Q. Can I ask, we can see that you are forwarding again at</p> <p>17 8.38 on 3 March the PowerPoint that GMP had prepared for</p> <p>18 the MASTS deployment on 2 March 2012, under a previous</p> <p>19 firearm authority. At any point did GMP provide to you</p> <p>20 the current and most up to date PowerPoint for the MASTS</p> <p>21 of 3 March 2012?</p> <p>22 A. If they had have done, then that would have been the</p> <p>23 template I would have used -- the PowerPoint I would</p> <p>24 have used --</p> <p>25 Q. Yes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 112</p>

1 **A. -- so I can only assume if that is the one I have sent**
 2 **Chris Unsworth, that would have been the latest**
 3 **PowerPoint I had at that time.**
 4 Q. Would you have expected GMP's silver commander to
 5 forward you the most up-to-date documentation relating
 6 to their operation?
 7 **A. Absolutely.**
 8 Q. Again, in terms of this document relating to a firearms
 9 authority that had been and gone and on 3 March there
 10 was a new firearms authority in place at GMP, would you
 11 have expected the silver commander to tell you that and
 12 the precise details of the deployment for 3 March?
 13 **A. I was not aware there was a firearms authority in place**
 14 **for GMP, so -- that I can recall. But if there was any**
 15 **updated intelligence, I would have expected them to have**
 16 **told me all the information or intelligence that they**
 17 **could have told me. So if it was updated and it was**
 18 **relevant to us or me in my role, I would have expected**
 19 **them to tell them.**
 20 **Thank you, you can put that bundle to one side,**
 21 **please. I would ask you please, Mr Brierley, to have**
 22 **the bundle that has the calls in, please.**
 23 **The next call I want to take you to is the**
 24 **transcript of a telephone call at 9.37 in the morning on**
 25 **3 March, it is not a call that you were a party to.**

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have a reference for that, a page
 2 number?
 3 MS CARTWRIGHT: It is M8/56.
 4 THE CHAIRMAN: I have it, yes.
 5 MS CARTWRIGHT: We can see there an Inspector Ross contacts
 6 the FIM and he is told by Mr Stead that he needs to ring
 7 you, the day locum, as soon as he can. We can see that
 8 the FIM sets across, conveys the information:
 9 "Well there is some, there is some, basically there
 10 is some intel brewing from Manchester that something
 11 might or might not happen. There is nothing for you to
 12 do, it is just so you are aware."
 13 He asks for an incident number and again it is
 14 confirmed that he should speak to you. Then he asks the
 15 question:
 16 "Is it something that is going to happen on my area
 17 then?"
 18 And the response is:
 19 "Er, possibly."
 20 Pausing there for a moment, which area was
 21 Inspector Ross responsible for at that time?
 22 **A. From memory, Andy Ross at the time was working on the**
 23 **northern area.**
 24 Q. Culcheth would fall within the northern area; is that
 25 right?

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1 **A. Yes, it would, yes.**
 2 Q. We can see from calls that we will come to in a moment
 3 that there is evidence that there was a conversation
 4 between you and Inspector Ross. Can you assist at this
 5 time, do you have any memory of a discussion with him
 6 that morning?
 7 **A. I do not have any memory but reading some of the other**
 8 **documents, I would have assumed it would have been about**
 9 **the stay safe briefing that would have been required.**
 10 **Andy Ross would have been the one that would have**
 11 **delivered it to the line managers for dissemination.**
 12 Q. Thank you.
 13 Could I take you back, please, into the log of
 14 Mr Granby, back into the F bundle, please. It is over
 15 the page, this time, to F/423. We can see that
 16 Mr Granby has made a recording of contact with you at
 17 9.45 in the morning:
 18 "Contact call Chris Brierley Cheshire TFC [again
 19 your mobile number] ..."
 20 And he sets out:
 21 "He has four armed response vehicles at Risley
 22 police station, he has arranged for a patrol staff at
 23 Culcheth to have a stay safe briefing, outline no
 24 change."
 25 Do you recall that discussion at 9.45 with

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1 Mr Granby?
 2 **A. I don't recall it, but it would certainly be consistent.**
 3 Q. In terms of it certainly seems at 9.45 from Mr Granby's
 4 note that nothing has changed at that time.
 5 Can we move then, please, to the next in time
 6 entries that we have that assist as to what was going on
 7 over the morning of 3 March. It is, please, back into
 8 the call that you have and it is the 11.16 telephone
 9 call transcript, that is at M8, page 61.
 10 We can see this is Inspector Ross calling the FIM,
 11 Ian Stead -- Stead, sorry. He confirms that he has
 12 spoken to you, that it was all sorted and then over the
 13 page, please, we can see Inspector Ross expresses some
 14 slight annoyance. He sets out:
 15 "It is the ARV lot sitting at Risley who have not
 16 got a clue why they are sitting there that more concerns
 17 me. Are we going to brief them or are we just going to
 18 not bother?"
 19 Then the FIM responds:
 20 "We are not, we are not involved at all."
 21 He responds:
 22 "I know, but Brierley has put them on the off chance
 23 that something goes wrong, but my view is that we should
 24 at least tell the fuckers what is going on."
 25 The FIM sets out:

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1 "Well, they know, they know they have an idea.
 2 "All right, okay."
 3 Then the FIM responds:
 4 "It is just we are only there if all goes wrong, so
 5 I mean we will run it as a spontaneous job anyway."
 6 Then Mr Ross confirms that he is on the other line.
 7 Can you assist in terms of what briefing or what the
 8 armed response officers were told when they were sent to
 9 Risley?
 10 **A. I can't confirm what they were told. I didn't brief**
 11 **them personally. That would have been the OFC that**
 12 **would have done the briefing, or possibly John Pope.**
 13 **Somewhere in the firearms team structure they would have**
 14 **been told what they were there for, or they would have**
 15 **been told as much as they needed to know at that time.**
 16 Q. In terms of the characterisation of them being there,
 17 essentially just in case something goes wrong, would you
 18 say Mr Ross's summary of that was fair, in terms of how
 19 they were being used as a tactic?
 20 **A. It is -- his interpretation of it is not necessarily the**
 21 **reality of it, I would probably say. I think it might**
 22 **have been that he has been tasked with some work that he**
 23 **is not that keen on having to do.**
 24 Q. Can we move then, please, back into Mr Granby's log,
 25 where we seat the next contact at 12.55 and at F/424, if

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1 you see, "12.55, brief Cheshire TFC, no change."
 2 Again, do you have any recollection as to any
 3 discussion at that time?
 4 **A. I don't recollect the actual phone call, no.**
 5 Q. But we are assisted then again by a contemporaneous call
 6 proximate to this, at 13.10 which is in M8, page 16,
 7 tab 25 for those who have the bundles. It is
 8 a transcript of a call at 1.10 in the afternoon. It is
 9 you and the force incident manager having a discussion
 10 again, where you set out:
 11 "Okay I have just had an update from GMP. No
 12 change, they are still housed in Manchester."
 13 You set out:
 14 "They will probably review it again around 3.00
 15 again and if no movement by then, fairly sure it is not
 16 going to be happening today."
 17 Then you set out:
 18 "They are running the operation, they are golding
 19 it, the only time it will come to us is if they go on
 20 their toes and they have a containment where they will,
 21 GMP, will put the initial containment on a building and
 22 then we will take over. I've got the ARVs at Risley
 23 police station at the moment, unless directed elsewhere
 24 they are on standby."
 25 Would it be a fair summary to say we can glean from

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1 this call proximate to your 12.55 discussion with
 2 Mr Granby that information was given to you at that time
 3 that GMP were going to review their operation at 3.00
 4 and that if there had been no movement by the suspects,
 5 that it wasn't going to happen that day, essentially?
 6 **A. That is a fair assessment, I would imagine.**
 7 Q. In terms of the information you have recorded in there.
 8 It can only have come from Inspector Granby, is that
 9 fair?
 10 **A. Yes. I think that is a fair assessment.**
 11 Q. In terms of having moved from I think where in the
 12 morning we have seen in the logs you thought this was
 13 going to be a job that was happening that morning, as
 14 the day has developed, certainly when we get to the
 15 early afternoon, it seems from this log that it was
 16 looking like the operation was not going to take place
 17 that day. This is perhaps also supported by another
 18 transcript of a call that we have for 15.13, which is
 19 the next one in your bundle but it is M8, page 19.
 20 **A. I think there is a typo on this one, I think the "CB" is**
 21 **a "CS".**
 22 Q. Yes.
 23 **A. I don't think I am involved in this conversation.**
 24 Q. No, you are not, it is, it is Claire Shaw, so it is
 25 a call between the FIM now, Alan Fairclough, speaking to

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1 Claire Shaw, but why I have taken you to this and
 2 included this because we can see that Claire Shaw sets
 3 out:
 4 "I have just spoken to Chief Inspector Brierley and
 5 I think he is of the impression that it is going to get
 6 stood down at some point in the near future. So right,
 7 we are obviously just sort of like hanging on until er,
 8 until I get the nod for that. Is there anything else
 9 I need to know about, anything going on?"
 10 We can see that she was actually -- she was the
 11 afternoon bronze and I think she was one of the
 12 officers, armed response officers, that was waiting at
 13 Risley police station.
 14 **A. Right.**
 15 Q. Do you recall a discussion with her?
 16 **A. I didn't have a discussion with her, I don't recall**
 17 **having one with her.**
 18 Q. You can see in this transcript she says, "I have just
 19 spoken ..."
 20 **A. Right, okay. I don't recall a conversation.**
 21 Q. You don't recall?
 22 We have two calls quite near to each other where the
 23 impression is that things were going to be stood down,
 24 which is why I then want to look with you, please, at
 25 the next entry as to the discussion you had with

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1 Mr Granby, because it seems following on from your
 2 discussion at 15.20, which is at F/425, that further
 3 information was given that changed this picture of the
 4 job being stood down. We can see there is an entry by
 5 Mr Granby at 15.20, he has recorded:
 6 "Briefed Cheshire TFC re position. He will brief
 7 his staff."
 8 Can you recall anything about further information
 9 that was given to you around 3.20 from Mr Granby that
 10 changed what was happening on the ground in Cheshire?
 11 **A. No, I don't recall -- I am just trying to piece together**
 12 **the situation. I am trying to line up whether the**
 13 **timings of the cash vehicle in transits had got to the**
 14 **last one, possibly, and that might be the change in**
 15 **circumstances, if that is what we are looking at. But**
 16 **I couldn't accurately recollect this conversation at**
 17 **15.20, no.**
 18 Q. Could I then take you to, please, the call we have at
 19 M8, page 70 which is the 15.58 call, please. Which is
 20 another call from Claire Shaw to the force incident
 21 manager at 15.58.
 22 **A. Okay.**
 23 Q. Again, it is not a direct call from yours, but again she
 24 seems to be providing an update that she has received
 25 from you within this transcript.

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1 M8, page 70.
 2 You have it, sir, at 15.58.
 3 THE CHAIRMAN: I have two calls at -- I see, it is the one
 4 at 70, yes, okay.
 5 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes.
 6 She is setting out that she was on until 7.00, we
 7 can see at page 70, as the bronze commander. Then over
 8 the page Claire Shaw sets out:
 9 "Yeah, we were initially -- I spoke with Mr Brierley
 10 at that point, he said to me it is probably going to get
 11 stood down."
 12 That is the call I took you to earlier:
 13 "Then within ten minutes of having the phone call
 14 off him to say they were expecting the job to go ahead
 15 that day around about 6.00, so we are still up in
 16 Rislely."
 17 Certainly, in terms of what Claire Shaw was
 18 recording is that there was new information that said
 19 that the job was go to go ahead at 6.00.
 20 **A. Right.**
 21 Q. Can you recall anything as to whether Mr Granby made
 22 reference to 6.00 when he gave you the update?
 23 **A. I can't recall that, no.**
 24 Q. Then we also see --
 25 **A. I am just reading Clare's entry there and it is a little**

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1 **bit confusing as to whether she is referring that within**
 2 **ten minutes of having the phone call off me, that it is**
 3 **me that has given her the updated information. I am not**
 4 **quite sure that has come from me.**
 5 Q. Okay.
 6 **A. But I might be wrong.**
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Do you mean where it says, "I spoke with
 8 Mr Brierley ..." and then it says at that point, "He
 9 said to me ..." Do you mean she might actually be
 10 referring to somebody else?
 11 **A. Possibly. The way it has been worded there, it is not**
 12 **very clear. She may well have got some intelligence**
 13 **from somewhere else, but I should have been aware of**
 14 **that intelligence either way, certainly.**
 15 MS CARTWRIGHT: But certainly in terms of the picture, it
 16 was of a situation where it was looking likely that the
 17 armed response vehicles were going to be stood down and
 18 then things changed over a short period which appears to
 19 fit in with the update at 3.20 that was provided by
 20 Mr Granby.
 21 Q. Then we can see there is reference I think to a new FIM
 22 that is coming on, Alan Fairclough, within this log.
 23 Again it does suggest there has been further discussion
 24 because she sets out that she thought you may have
 25 actually rung him. We can see that on page 72.

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1 If you can see at the bottom of page 71 the FIM is
 2 saying that he would update Alan, that he was just
 3 covering for his "refs" so he should be back in by about
 4 4.45, and I am sure given that information he may give
 5 you a quick tinkle.
 6 Claire Shaw sets out:
 7 "Yeah, no worries. To be honest with you I thought
 8 Mr Brierley may have actually rang him, but
 9 obviously ... "
 10 Then the FIM at that time says:
 11 "He might have done."
 12 Perhaps then if I just take you to a statement that
 13 we have from Mr Fairclough, which does reference
 14 a discussion he had with you, forwarding of an email and
 15 then a discussion at 4.20. His statement, please, is in
 16 bundle M1.
 17 The statement commences in bundle M1, at page 96.
 18 We can see Mr Fairclough sets out that from midday on
 19 3 March he became Cheshire's force incident manager. He
 20 talks about during the shift, and if we look over the
 21 page, that you forwarded to him by email a PowerPoint
 22 that had been previously forwarded at 8.37 to
 23 PC Unsworth. He records a discussion with you by
 24 telephone, appraising him that there was no specific
 25 action required by him or Cheshire Police unless the

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1 subjects enter a building, and that:
 2 "... the contingency of the armed response at Risley
 3 was there to reduce travelling times."
 4 And that you had told him you would review this with
 5 GMP at around 3.00 pm. Then we see he then sets out:
 6 "At around 4.20 pm I again spoke to Chief Inspector
 7 Brierley and this review was replanned for 6.00 pm."
 8 Again, do you have any recollection of a discussion
 9 with Mr Fairclough that day?
 10 **A. No, but in my role I would have constantly been in**
 11 **contact with the force incident manager. So**
 12 **conversations may have taken place.**
 13 Q. In terms of Mr Fairclough recalling that there was to be
 14 a review, at 6.00, can you help us at all with that?
 15 **A. No, I just think a 6.00 review might have been just**
 16 **a regular, where are we at now and what is the plan? So**
 17 **it is a constantly evolving and changing situation, so**
 18 **you put review times in there in the absence of anything**
 19 **else so if nothing happened for say three or four hours**
 20 **you would surely want to know. So you would set a time**
 21 **and say, "Let's revisit this", because a lot of officers**
 22 **would be sitting say at Risley police station or in**
 23 **Manchester, so they wouldn't be doing anything**
 24 **operationally other than waiting. So it is incumbent on**
 25 **you as a supervisor to review.**

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1 Q. Could the review at 6.00 because we have seen there is
 2 some information which is recorded in the call from
 3 Claire Shaw, that she has been told that it was going to
 4 happen at 6.00. Could the review at 6.00 have been to
 5 tie in with the information that may have been provided
 6 from Greater Manchester Police?
 7 **A. Possibly.**
 8 Q. Could we then, please, go back into the transcripts of
 9 calls, please. It is M8, page 76, tab 29, but it is the
 10 call, please, at 16.42.
 11 We can see actually you reference within this call
 12 the 6.00 and the intelligence. We can see that the, it
 13 is set out:
 14 "I have just spoke to the bronze, you are keeping
 15 the ARVs hanging about just in case it happens."
 16 Then your response is:
 17 "6.00 pm is the latest intel it is going to happen."
 18 Then the response is:
 19 "Oh right, the good news is I am off at 5.00."
 20 Then your response is:
 21 "Yeah, bad news is I am not off till ..."
 22 Can we see there, would that support that you had
 23 been told by Mr Granby that it was going to happen at
 24 6.00?
 25 **A. That is the impression I am getting from this. Whether**

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1 **that is a review at 6.00 or we believe the incident**
 2 **might occur at 6.00, I am not so sure.**
 3 Q. We can see that you say, "6.00 pm is the latest intel it
 4 is going to happen".
 5 **A. Right, okay.**
 6 Q. Then, please, if we move to the next call, please, which
 7 is the 16.14, and it is M8, page 23.
 8 **A. 18.14.**
 9 Q. 18.14, sorry, thank you.
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: That is page?
 11 MS CARTWRIGHT: M8/23, but you, sir, have it in that bundle.
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I have it.
 13 MS CARTWRIGHT: We see Claire Shaw again calling into the
 14 FIM, Mr Fairclough, and we can see reference again to
 15 6.00 in this call, Claire Shaw sets out:
 16 "I tried to get hold of Mr Brierley, that is all,
 17 because 6.00 was the kind of timeframe I was given and
 18 I have not been able to get hold of him and certainly
 19 nothing has come over the air."
 20 Then a little further down we can see the FIM then
 21 sets out:
 22 "I assume it is all very cloak and dagger and it
 23 does wind me up, but if they had said it was all going
 24 to happen at 6.00 one would assume then that the team
 25 must be moving then to give that sort of prediction."

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1 Claire Shaw responds:
 2 "Well, quite possibly and obviously I tried to ring
 3 him a couple of times, I can only assume that he is busy
 4 doing other things related to the job so I will leave
 5 him alone until I hear from him. It is just that the
 6 night time bronze is coming on at 7.00, so I was just
 7 wondering where we were up to with regards to me handing
 8 over to him."
 9 Again, can you see reference to the job was going to
 10 happen at 6.00 from this call?
 11 **A. It appears that was the latest intelligence.**
 12 Q. Can you assist in terms of what you were doing at around
 13 about this time within the force?
 14 **A. I couldn't really, not without having a look at the**
 15 **force incident log. It could have been any number of**
 16 **things that were going on with the force that I was**
 17 **involved in. Whether it would be locally or force wide.**
 18 Q. Could I ask you then to turn to the next transcript for
 19 18.37, which is a transcript of a call of Penny Wilson
 20 to the FIM, Alan Fairclough. Which is M8, page 27. We
 21 can see within this call, the FIM was asking
 22 Penny Wilson, I think she was coming on duty?
 23 **A. She was coming on duty.**
 24 Q. Yes, if she had spoken to you and she said she hadn't
 25 and the FIM's assessment of the situation is this:

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1 "From my point of view, there is no much to tell
 2 you. We have got a MASTS operation going on with GMP up
 3 at Culcheth. He is a running that if you like or
 4 liaising with that. Our ARVs are not deployed there,
 5 they are just at an ARV point at the moment, and it is
 6 the GMP MASTS that has authority from gold to come into
 7 our area, so he is running that."
 8 Then the question is asked by Penny Wilson:
 9 "Right, he is not silvering it? GMP are silvering,
 10 are they?"
 11 The FIM respond:
 12 "That's correct, that's correct, the only time we
 13 would take over is if they escaped and then there was
 14 an initial containment put on, we would then take the
 15 containment over or assist as required."
 16 So in terms of there is no other -- in any of the
 17 records that we have around this time, there is no other
 18 record that would assist as to your involvement or
 19 liaison with GMP. But the next logs we have, again in
 20 the bundle as you follow on, is the call at 19.17 when
 21 Mark Granby calls the FIM to update and we can see that
 22 at M6, page 31. Mr Granby at that time sets out:
 23 "We have struck on a vehicle in Culcheth town
 24 centre. During the course of that strike, one of the
 25 subjects of the vehicle has been shot ..."

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1 That he was not too sure of the injuries at the
 2 moment.
 3 Then the force incident manager, Mr Fairclough, sets
 4 out:
 5 "No problem, I will speak to my silver and we will
 6 get back in contact with you."
 7 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, where is that?
 8 MS CARTWRIGHT: It is on page 33, the following page.
 9 Can you recall --
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry?
 11 MS CARTWRIGHT: Over the page, on page 33, sir.
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Where on the page? Second hole-punch, is
 13 that it?
 14 MS CARTWRIGHT: Well it is not my second hole-punch but, it
 15 is seven lines from the bottom, sir, of the page:
 16 "I will speak to my silver and we will get back in
 17 contact with you."
 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, for me it is. Okay, thank you. Yes.
 19 MS CARTWRIGHT: Mr Brierley, can you remember where you were
 20 when you received the information that GMP had struck in
 21 Culcheth and Mr Grainger had been shot?
 22 **A. Yes, I was in my office in Crewe --**
 23 Q. Yes.
 24 **A. -- having just completed a handover to Penny Wilson and**
 25 **was putting my coat on to go home.**

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1 Q. Do you recall who told you that this had happened?
 2 **A. Alan Fairclough, I remember.**
 3 Q. Can I ask, earlier on in the evidence today we saw
 4 information that in the email that you had sent to
 5 ACC McCormick, I think at 5.20 on 2 March, about that it
 6 had been if there was going to be movement or if the
 7 suspects were coming to Culcheth there would be
 8 an update provided. From your perspective as the silver
 9 commander on duty that evening, had you been provided
 10 with any information from GMP that the suspects were on
 11 the move and were heading towards Culcheth?
 12 **A. No, not to my recollection and I am fairly sure I would**
 13 **have known -- I would have put something in place, so**
 14 **no.**
 15 Q. Can I look, then, at the first record we have as to the
 16 contact with you following on from the fatal shooting
 17 and it is the transcript of the call at 19.27 --
 18 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry about this, Ms Cartwright, I am just
 19 catching up with my last note. (Pause)
 20 Thanks. Where are we going now?
 21 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, it is within your bundle of the
 22 transcripts, sir, the transcript of the telephone call
 23 at 19.27.
 24 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you.
 25 MS CARTWRIGHT: Mr Brierley, could I ask you if we could

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1 just work through this call where you essentially read
 2 your responses and I will play Mr Fairclough:
 3 "Hi, Alan Fairclough speaking."
 4 **A. "Hi Alan, Chris Brierley."**
 5 Q. "Hi."
 6 **A. "Sorry about, sorry, I was on the phone to Penny at the**
 7 **time."**
 8 Q. "No problem, I have got the phone call just 7.20."
 9 **A. "Yes."**
 10 Q. "From superintendent Mark Granby."
 11 **A. "Yes."**
 12 Q. "To say the subjects have been detained in Culcheth and
 13 they had shot one of the subjects and their staff are
 14 providing first aid."
 15 **A. "Right, okay."**
 16 Q. "I've got your answer phone and Penny's."
 17 **A. "I know, we were talking together."**
 18 Q. "Yes, that is what I presumed, yes. I have spoken to
 19 Geraint. He is coming in [then there is an inaudible
 20 response from you] he has suggested now, can he get back
 21 in contact with Mark Granby. He is going to be
 22 a principal officer because he has been involved in the
 23 MASTS and suggests we get the ball rolling with gold
 24 speaking. I could see it was your number coming up, so
 25 I sort of cut Geraint off and said I would speak to

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1 you."
 2 **A. "Right, okay, so they have shot one, have they killed**
 3 **him do you know?"**
 4 Q. "I don't know, he phoned me and it was like a hot this
 5 is happening now."
 6 **A. "Right."**
 7 Q. "Just to let you know, and he went off to carry on
 8 working."
 9 **A. "Okay, I will give ma'am a ring and they have done it in**
 10 **Culcheth?"**
 11 Q. "Yes."
 12 **A. "They said they were going to do it before they got to**
 13 **us."**
 14 Q. Just pausing there, "They said they were going to do it
 15 before they got to us". Can you help us as to that
 16 response, who told you that?
 17 **A. Yeah I think that was one of the tipping points that**
 18 **they would notify us if they were en route and their**
 19 **intention I think was to, one of the tipping points was**
 20 **that if they had certain people in the car, then they**
 21 **would -- they would do a stop.**
 22 Q. In terms of "they said that", who from GMP told you
 23 that?
 24 **A. Yeah, I am not sure who told me that or whether it was**
 25 **just the tipping point, one of the tipping points that**

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1 **they had as part of their operation, it would be that**
 2 **was what they would do. As opposed to somebody**
 3 **specifically told me that.**
 4 Q. In terms of if an officer from GMP had said that to you,
 5 could you assist in terms of narrowing down who the
 6 officers are that could have said it to you. We know
 7 you have spoken to Mr Cousen on 2 March?
 8 **A. Yes, I would imagine it would have either been Mr Cousen**
 9 **or Mr Granby --**
 10 Q. Yes.
 11 **A. -- one of those two.**
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: Do you mind if I just clarify the last
 13 answer. You are not sure who told me that or whether it
 14 was one of the tipping points as part of their
 15 operation. Do you mean by that that you might have got
 16 it not from an individual but from --
 17 **A. From an operational order, a plan, one of plans when**
 18 **their interceptions --**
 19 THE CHAIRMAN: The PowerPoint?
 20 **A. Possibly the PowerPoint. I this it is on the**
 21 **PowerPoint.**
 22 MS CARTWRIGHT: Yes, within the PowerPoint for 2 March the
 23 tipping points are set out within there.
 24 **A. Yes, so it may well have come from that as opposed to**
 25 **a specific individual.**

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you.
 2 MS CARTWRIGHT: Again just to clarify, there are tipping
 3 points in the 3 March PowerPoint, and you have at no
 4 point been provided with the tipping points for 3 March
 5 from GMP?
 6 **A. Not to my knowledge. Not to my knowledge.**
 7 Q. If we continue through the transcript, please:
 8 "Yeah."
 9 **A. "Right, okay."**
 10 Q. "Are you going to speak to Jeanette?"
 11 **A. "I will give ma'am a ring then I will give Penny a ring,**
 12 **in fact I will give Penny a ring first then I will give**
 13 **ma'am a ring."**
 14 Q. "I will phone back Mark Granby then and get more details
 15 and circumstances and if I put that on the log, are you
 16 able to view that to assist with your briefing of the
 17 ACC?"
 18 **A. "Put everything on the log if you can, what is the**
 19 **incident number?"**
 20 Q. "It is 180 of the 2nd."
 21 **A. "180."**
 22 Q. "And as I get it I will start putting it on there, then
 23 at least you are getting the real-time feed then as
 24 well."
 25 **A. "Okie-doke, cheers, mate, thanks Alan."**

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1 Q. Then we can see in the next transcript of call, which
 2 follows on and it is the call at 19.30 at bundle M6,
 3 page 67, we see a further contact by Mr Granby to
 4 Cheshire Police. Can I just clarify, at this time,
 5 19.30, had you had any conversation with Mr Granby?
 6 **A. Since?**
 7 Q. Since the shooting?
 8 **A. No.**
 9 Q. Did there come a time when you had a discussion with
 10 Mr Granby?
 11 **A. I don't think I spoke to Mr Granby again.**
 12 Q. When you say "again", that is following on from the
 13 3.20?
 14 **A. Yes, since from when the incident occurred, I don't**
 15 **think I -- other than my involvement at the scene,**
 16 **I don't think I was involved with Mr Granby again.**
 17 **So I don't think I had another conversation with him.**
 18 Q. If we just look at this call at 19.30 and the
 19 information Mr Granby provided at that time, and perhaps
 20 if you could be Mr Granby this time and I will continue
 21 to be Mr Fairclough, please.
 22 If you could read the Mark Granby.
 23 **A. "Hello, Mark Granby."**
 24 Q. "Hello Mark, it is Alan Fairclough from the Cheshire FIM
 25 again."

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1 **A. "Hi Alan, are you okay?"**
 2 Q. "I am good, I am good. Mark, I have spoken to my
 3 detective superintendent and the two chief inspectors,
 4 Chris Brierley was the one you were liaising with."
 5 **A. "That is the one I spoke to earlier, yes."**
 6 Q. "He is now -- I have just updated him about our phone
 7 call and he is now talk to go the late turn chief
 8 inspector who is standing next to me."
 9 **A. "Right."**
 10 Q. "And they will be briefing our gold. Can you just give
 11 me some -- a bit more details about the circumstances?"
 12 **A. "Yes, what we have -- I mean Chris is, er, aware."**
 13 Q. "Yes."
 14 **A. "It is a surveillance operation supported by firearms on**
 15 **an OCG from Salford."**
 16 Q. "Yes."
 17 **A. "They were surveilled into Culcheth town [inaudible due**
 18 **to background conversation radio noise]. The decision**
 19 **was taken we were going to strike on the vehicle, we**
 20 **deployed firearms officers in there."**
 21 Q. Pausing there, just for the chairman's benefit, we can
 22 see reference, handwritten, "Parked up" next to the
 23 inaudible. Sir, just perhaps that is an entry that
 24 I made following listening to the recordings at
 25 Warrington police station. I am not trying to give

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1 evidence here but just to clarify who endorsed the
 2 parked up and where it comes from.
 3 THE CHAIRMAN: It is your handwriting is what you are
 4 telling me?
 5 MS CARTWRIGHT: I am afraid it is, sir.
 6 THE CHAIRMAN: It does not necessarily ... all right, yes, I
 7 follow.
 8 MS CARTWRIGHT: "Mark, sorry, we are just getting drowned
 9 out by the radio then, can you just bear with me
 10 a second?"
 11 **A. "Sorry about that."**
 12 Q. "Surveilled into Culcheth?"
 13 **A. "Surveilled into Culcheth, into a car park and we felt**
 14 **evidentially it was right to arrest the individuals."**
 15 Q. "Yes."
 16 **A. "That was being done by way of a firearms officers,**
 17 **during the course of that arrest one of the subjects has**
 18 **been has received a gunshot wound. At this stage**
 19 **I think I have confirmed the details of the individual**
 20 **who has been shot. What I am not aware of is the**
 21 **severity of the injury."**
 22 Q. "Okay."
 23 **A. "I think the other -- I think from the officers at the**
 24 **scene there is an element of frustration about the**
 25 **length of time it has taken to get an ambulance down**

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1 **there."**
 2 Q. "Okay."
 3 **A. "So I don't know if there is in terms of local interest**
 4 **my understanding is that there has not been a great deal**
 5 **of local sort of community interest at the moment, but**
 6 **that saying [inaudible] we need to be thinking about**
 7 **getting some local resources down there just in case**
 8 **things start picking up."**
 9 Q. "No problem. I understand, my ARVs have turned out and
 10 they have got three double-crewed ARVs coming from
 11 a local point of view."
 12 **A. "Yes."**
 13 Q. "And I'll get and then get and then there will be our
 14 initial unarmed local response if you like and I will
 15 back fill those in due course with ..."
 16 **A. "Excellent."**
 17 Q. "With ..."
 18 **A. "What we know is now in terms of ..."**
 19 Q. "Have you called the ambulance then? Is that, is that
 20 [inaudible]."
 21 **A. "We've, we've, yes, we were via the GMP force duty**
 22 **officer a request for ambulance was put in."**
 23 Q. "Yes."
 24 **A. "We have been sort of chasing up to find out, because**
 25 **obviously it is north-west ambulance service."**

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1 Q. "I understand."
 2 **A. "So we are waiting for -- right, I have just had**
 3 **it confirmed now that we have got paramedics are**
 4 **actually at the scene now."**
 5 Q. "Okay, so paramedics at scene?"
 6 **A. "[Inaudible] in terms of getting chief inspector aware,**
 7 **I am receiving information that may have proved fatal."**
 8 Q. I do apologise, there is a page missing from yours,
 9 there is a page 5.
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Missing from mine as well then.
 11 **A. I've got 73 and then a jump to 77.**
 12 Q. 74 is a blank page, I will perhaps deal with page 75.
 13 Mr Granby then set out:
 14 "So just in, we know there, we know there were three
 15 people on board the vehicle."
 16 Mr Fairclough responds:
 17 "Yes."
 18 "The two others have been detained, they have been
 19 arrested and obviously one subject is a -- has received
 20 gunshot wounds as part of that operation."
 21 Mr Fairclough responds:
 22 "I understand."
 23 Mr Granby then sets out:
 24 "So scene secured and we are obviously going to be
 25 keeping the key bit now as obviously we have the

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1 paramedics providing that support."
 2 And Mr Fairclough responds:
 3 "No problem, okay, I will come off the phone to you,
 4 I will let my chief inspector know here, and I will
 5 ensure that ARVs ..."
 6 Perhaps you could assist again, please, Mr Brierley.
 7 **A. Okay, so you want me to take it from the top?**
 8 Q. From page 77, yes.
 9 **A. "In terms of getting the chief inspector aware, I am**
 10 **receiving information that it may have proved fatal."**
 11 Q. "It may be fatal?"
 12 **A. "It may be fatal."**
 13 Q. "Okay, no problem. I know one of my chief inspectors is
 14 going to the briefing, our gold I am sure."
 15 **A. "Yes."**
 16 Q. "He will be talking to your gold [inaudible] as well."
 17 **A. "Yes, we are just trying to get hold of my gold too."**
 18 Q. "Yes."
 19 **A. "To update, okay, all right, Alan."**
 20 Q. "Talk to you soon then, bye."
 21 **A. "Okay, just for clarity, Alan, you are the post-incident**
 22 **manager, is that going to be you, your, the firearms**
 23 **chief inspector is there?"**
 24 Q. "Okay just bear with."
 25 **A. "Post-incident procedures."**

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1 Q. "Penny, are you going to be the PIM for this
 2 post-incident manager, no, no the chief inspector locum
 3 is not PIM trained, as soon as I get the name of who our
 4 PIM is going to be I will ring you direct and let you
 5 know."
 6 **A. "Okay, fantastic that is great, thank you very much,**
 7 **Alan."**
 8 Q. "Thank you."
 9 **A. "Thanks now, cheers, bye-bye."**
 10 THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry, carry on.
 11 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir.
 12 THE CHAIRMAN: It is just you have been going for quite
 13 a lot of more than an hour now and I am just thinking if
 14 we are going to be much long I should take a break.
 15 MS CARTWRIGHT: I have literally got to deal very briefly
 16 with post incident and --
 17 THE CHAIRMAN: What does "very briefly" mean?
 18 MS CARTWRIGHT: I only have one or two questions.
 19 THE CHAIRMAN: All right we will carry on.
 20 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you.
 21 Mr Brierley, in terms of the account that we can see
 22 within that call that was provided by Mr Granby, were
 23 you provided with any or did you become aware of it or
 24 the circumstances of what had happened on the car park?
 25 **A. When you said did I become aware of it?**

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1 Q. From Greater Manchester Police was there any information
 2 provided to you as silver commander?
 3 **A. No, and that might be due to the fact that the handover**
 4 **between myself and Penny Wilson was taking place at the**
 5 **time of the incident, unfortunately. So I was**
 6 **technically off duty when these phone calls took place,**
 7 **so it was after 7.00. So in theory, if he was going to**
 8 **make a phone call to the new force locum, it would have**
 9 **been to Penny Wilson.**
 10 Q. We know from your statement that you went and attended
 11 at the car park at Culcheth?
 12 **A. I did, yes.**
 13 Q. Can you assist as to what did when you were at Culcheth
 14 that evening?
 15 **A. I think the key was, in situations like this and others,**
 16 **it is the golden hour and you can never have too many**
 17 **resources at an incident to start with. You can always**
 18 **redeploy them if -- so I went up there to take command**
 19 **of the scene if required, so because we had nobody**
 20 **deployed at the time, so I said to Penny, I will go to**
 21 **the scene until you get a scene manager, et cetera, up**
 22 **there, so if there is any support or direction that**
 23 **needs to be given, it would make sense for me to go up**
 24 **there and you stay as a silver and I would just go**
 25 **technically operational.**

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1 Q. Yes. Do you know whether or not you did give any
 2 directions or support when you got to Culcheth?
 3 **A. Yes, I recall obviously a very confusing scene when I**
 4 **got there, and I logged in with the PC that was already**
 5 **there, because it was a good -- it must have been nearly**
 6 **an hour for me to get from where I was to the scene. So**
 7 **there was quite a few police officers still there,**
 8 **including the GMP firearms team.**
 9 **So I recall going there, checking into the scene**
 10 **with the PC that was doing the scene log and trying to**
 11 **ascertain what was going on and just getting**
 12 **an understanding and a feel of who was there and what**
 13 **they were doing there, and whether there were any gaps**
 14 **that needed filling.**
 15 Q. Can you assist, was the PC doing the scene log a Greater
 16 Manchester Police officer or a Cheshire officer?
 17 **A. No, I think it was a Cheshire officer.**
 18 Q. Did you have any dealings with the firearms officers?
 19 **A. Other than to ask them to -- because there was still**
 20 **a group of them I recall, were in the car park, I think**
 21 **they were still armed and I remember saying to them,**
 22 **they needed to bus up and move back to go through their**
 23 **post-incident procedures.**
 24 **That they were not adding -- there was no point in**
 25 **them being there. So we had got the scene contained by**

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1 **then and they needed to go and do their post incidents.**
 2 Q. Can I ask, at any point then when you had dealings with
 3 the firearms officers, did you hear or did you provide
 4 any non-conferring warning to the firearms officers?
 5 **A. Sorry, non-conferring?**
 6 Q. Yes, for them not to confer --
 7 **A. No, I just told them to go and do their post-incident**
 8 **procedures, so they would know what to do post an**
 9 **incident. So I didn't give them that, if that is what**
 10 **you are saying and I didn't hear anybody else give them**
 11 **that.**
 12 Q. Is there any other relevant information you should give
 13 to the Inquiry in respect of your involvement on 3 March
 14 at the car park at Culcheth?
 15 **A. No, I don't recall that there would be anything**
 16 **relevant. I just remember returning back to**
 17 **headquarters and doing notebooks with Jeanette McCormick**
 18 **in her office afterwards.**
 19 Q. When you say "doing notebooks", is that you making
 20 notes?
 21 **A. Yes, we both made notes.**
 22 Q. Again, would that have been in your police officer's --
 23 **A. In my pocket book.**
 24 MS CARTWRIGHT: We have a number of transcripts within the
 25 bundles as to what your involvement was on 4 March.

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1 I am not intending to take you through those or the
 2 tactics or the support you provided or put in place post
 3 the incident.
 4 Those are my questions, sir.
 5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
 6 Questions from MR WEATHERBY
 7 MR WEATHERBY: May I just clarify one question, it will only
 8 take me two minutes.
 9 THE CHAIRMAN: Of course.
 10 MR WEATHERBY: It is an important point, you have covered it
 11 already but I just want to make sure we are all clear,
 12 Mr Brierley.
 13 You were shown this morning the email from
 14 Mr Crowcroft at 4.59, which I think was your first
 15 understanding of this operation. Do you recall? Do you
 16 want --
 17 **A. It was when it was sent at 4.59.**
 18 THE CHAIRMAN: You saw it at 7.00 when you came in?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 **MR WEATHERBY: My fault, you are quite correct. It was sent**
 21 **at 4.59, you picked it up, 2 March. It is the bit which**
 22 **says -- I don't think we need to turn it up but if we**
 23 **need to I will. It is the idea being that GMP would**
 24 **"conduct the strike phase whilst the vehicle and**
 25 **suspects are in the GMP area, however best laid plans**

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1 **and all that".**
 2 **It is just that bit, yes? Do you recall that?**
 3 **A. I recall reading it, yes.**
 4 Q. Yes. Your understanding at that time was that GMP were
 5 conducting an operation which would stay on GMP
 6 territory, unless effectively something didn't go
 7 according to plan. That is why they were telling you
 8 and because the potential target of the robbery was on
 9 your patch?
 10 **A. That was my understanding, yes.**
 11 Q. That was your understanding. You have recently been
 12 shown the transcript post shooting at 7.27, yes?
 13 **A. Sorry?**
 14 Q. It is tab 24.
 15 MS CARTWRIGHT: He has his tabbed up with times, so it is
 16 19.27.
 17 **A. The telephone call.**
 18 **MR WEATHERBY: It is again the bit Ms Cartwright asked you**
 19 **about it, it is simply where you are told they have done**
 20 **it in Culcheth and you say, "They said they were going**
 21 **to do it before they got to us".**
 22 **A. Yes, that was my understanding but that was just one of**
 23 **tipping points, it may well have been -- that might have**
 24 **been me wishing that they would have done it at GMP as**
 25 **opposed to --**

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1 Q. The way it reads is that you are reacting from the
 2 information that you received right at the beginning.
 3 Your understanding was it was going to happen on Greater
 4 Manchester, unless the plan didn't go according to plan
 5 and you are reacting to that in that transcript. Would
 6 that be fair?
 7 **A. I wouldn't like to give it that kind of credibility,**
 8 **because I am just trying to put myself back in the**
 9 **situation at 7.30, 12-hour shift, just going off duty,**
 10 **almost walking out the door when you are told that**
 11 **somebody has just been shot on you. So any words I may**
 12 **have used there it would be very, very difficult to**
 13 **attribute them to an individual or anything really. It**
 14 **is just more probably shock or surprise.**
 15 **MR WEATHERBY: Well I shan't take it any further, thank you**
 16 **very much.**
 17 THE CHAIRMAN: Ms Whyte?
 18 Questions from MS WHYTE
 19 MS WHYTE: Just one.
 20 I ask questions on behalf of Greater Manchester
 21 Police, Mr Brierley. It would appear that certainly by
 22 noon on 2 March, when your colleague Mr Holliwell sent
 23 through an intelligence Word document by email to you,
 24 that you had all three contact numbers, should you need
 25 them, of the SIO, the Deputy SIO and the person covering

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1 both of them, Mr Fernandes, and you had their mobile
2 telephones in the event you needed them from that point
3 on. Does that seem right?
4 **A. I was certainly given telephone numbers, yes.**
5 MS WHYTE: Thank you very much.
6 MS CARTWRIGHT: Thank you, sir, I have no further questions,
7 unless you have any?
8 THE CHAIRMAN: No, thank you very much.
9 Thank you, Mr Brierley, that is the end of your
10 evidence. You are now free to go.
11 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, that concludes the evidence for the
12 Inquiry today. We are in fact now sitting again --
13 THE CHAIRMAN: We are resuming on Monday, are we not?
14 MS CARTWRIGHT: We are, sir.
15 THE CHAIRMAN: And sitting Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
16 Thursday?
17 MS CARTWRIGHT: That's correct, we will not sit on the
18 anniversary.
19 THE CHAIRMAN: On the anniversary, and then the week after
20 that we are not sitting but normal --
21 MS CARTWRIGHT: I am afraid, sir, I have not looked beyond
22 next week.
23 THE CHAIRMAN: We are sitting, but the week after that we
24 are not sitting.
25 MS CARTWRIGHT: Sir, can we adjourn now then until 10.30 on

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1 Monday?
2 THE CHAIRMAN: Until 10.30 on Monday, certainly.
3 (3.31 pm)
4 (The Inquiry adjourned until 10.30 am on Monday,
5 27 February 2017)
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