



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

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Mr William Boyd  
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BELFAST

Dear William

I forward this letter to confirm in writing some of the issues I verbally articulated at our meeting on Monday 23 March. With the introduction of Causeway Project which electronically integrates major partners in the Criminal Justice process police have been reviewing their business processes and relationships with all agencies who have submitted prosecution files via the police. The purpose of this review has been to ensure optimum use of police resources and efficiency in business processes. Traditionally Royal Mail in Northern Ireland have conducted their own investigations and submitted hard copy files to police for prosecution (more recently by the PPS). Police have added nothing to these investigations and with introduction of electronic files police have in effect merely become 'inputters' for Royal Mail and a conduit between PPS and Royal Mail.

The decision has now been taken by police that they should extract from the role of needless 'middleman' and that Royal Mail should deal directly with the PPS.

As I advised Royal Mail should liaise with PPS and expedite a protocol for submission of all files direct to PPS.

To facilitate drafting of such agreement police will accept Royal Mail files until 1 May 2009 - after which they will be returned to sender.

As you conceded at our meeting you had an expectation such news was pending and made perfect business sense.

I am happy to discuss further if required or be of any assistance.

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