

Subject: Detention and interview of suspects

Dear Karen

I have seen a copy of Jon Hullis's email sent to you and Janine yesterday evening. You will remember that I raised this at the meeting earlier this week and you said you'd look into it. I'm disappointed and frankly frightened for my staff, defence solicitors generally., detainees and custody staff that the practice described are continuing.

It seems to me that aside from hospitals custody suites must be the most dangerous and high risk areas in the country right now and it is unnecessary. You expressed concerns that CPS lawyers did not want to go into court because defence advocates were getting too close. I'm afraid, given what is happening in custody suites, I have very little sympathy.

I can only raise these things. I have no control or influence over the way the police conduct themselves but, from what Jon says the police justification for their approach is that the CPS insist on it.

Please can you assure me that you or Janine will have spoken to the police and be in a position to report to the meeting tomorrow that practices will adapt to safeguard everyone.

Yours sincerely

Nick