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Subject: MFH search Nicola BULLEY

Peter

Good to speak with you a short time ago. Following our conversation this email is intended to document our current position.

I am aware you have deployed your team already to Marsh Farm Hall as arranged by Emma White. You are to join the team tomorrow and will land your helicopter at the site. I will attend Marsh Farm Hall around 08:30 on Monday 6th Feb to meet the team and brief them.

My understanding is as follows;

The team are self sufficient with all necessary safety equipment and will bring boat, side scan sonar and dive capability.

We agreed in the importance of utilising your assets in conjunction with the ongoing search operation and as such direction will come through the Police Search Advisor (myself for the week commencing 6th Feb). Although we will direct searches, all activity you undertake will be covered by your own standard operating procedures and health and safety risk assessments.

We also discussed and agreed that all operational information will be treated as confidential and that any operational information passed to media will be done through the Police channels. The requirement for this is to manage media releases to mitigate where possible undue distress to the family.

We will discuss any actions on a find when we meet in person, in summary these must be fed straight to the PolSA / SIO prior to any potential recovery etc. I cannot stress the need for discretion enough due to the massive press coverage this enquiry has and continues to attract.

In addition, we have a dedicated family liaison team who are in place to support the family. At the direction of the SIO, we would ask that all operational updates on the search be passed to the family through the identified channel so as not to frustrate the ongoing investigation.

Any issues please ring.

Regards

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