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Minute to: recipients, requesting Heads of Division and Crown Prosecutors to identify serious cases which are highly dependent or depend exclusively on expert scientific evidence.

Any queries relating to this minute should be sent to Nicolette Movick, Policy Directorate on 020 7796 8349.

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From: The Director of Public Prosecutions

Action date: 16th January 2005

cc: Chris Newell, Jaswant Narwal, Esther George, Karen Squibb Williams,

Standard subject: Criminal Casework

Summary: This minute requests Heads of Division and Crown Prosecutors to identify serious cases which are highly dependent or depend exclusively on expert scientific evidence.

1. A meeting was held with Professor Paul Wiles, Head of the Forensic Science and Pathology Unit Home Office (FSPU) on 15th November 2005. The object of the meeting was to discuss methods for improving aspects of expert scientific evidence in criminal cases so that such evidence will be more clearly understood by judges and juries.
2. It was recognised that it is sometimes difficult to identify the appropriate discipline of science required when reviewing a case. In some situations a case will turn exclusively on the expert scientific evidence. It is suggested that the FSPU could be a useful resource to the CPS in the future in this type of case when deciding what area of expertise should be employed. Their role would be to advise the CPS on the selection of expert and / or forensic discipline.
3. It is likely that these cases will be confined to the most serious, such as terrorist cases, those involving the suspicious death of an infant and high tech crime.
4. In order to test whether the FSPU would be a useful resource to the CPS, Heads of Division and prosecutors with appropriate experience and knowledge of such cases are requested to identify current cases which are highly dependant or depend exclusively on expert scientific evidence and inform Nicolette Movick at Policy Directorate. Nicolette.Movick@cps.gsi.gov.uk

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