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Subject: RE: Follow up to EOC evidence - NWAS response

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Good morning

We write further to your email below. We forwarded your request to our client and NWAS have set out below a summary of the information provided as part of the investigation meetings with both paramedic March-Jackson and EMT Johnson:

Both individuals have been interviewed with as part of NWAS' investigation.

There was no conscious decision not to utilise lights and sirens; they were focussed on following the sat nav, gaining information from EOC and what actions they may have to take when they arrived on scene. They hadn't realised that they had not utilised them until it has subsequently been brought to their attention.

They recall being allocated to the incident, via the MDT within the vehicle. They followed the route plotted on the sat nav as they attempted to gain further information from the EOC. They wanted more information from EOC before making their way to scene. They pulled over and stopped the vehicle to contact EOC to gather further scene safety information, which is not uncommon when crews are dispatched to a scene where the safety of approach is unclear. Paramedic March-Jackson's intention was to wait until they had more

information before setting off. As it was, they were passed by Paul Smith before they got information from EOC. They agreed to go forward despite not having confirmation that it was safe for them to do so, following Paul Smith's vehicle until they saw him, Police, and other colleagues when they then decided to go in.

We hope this assists.

Kind regards

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