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Decision:

Following a meeting with SPA (Service Prosecuting Authority) and the national leads for Vulnerable Victim Interviews and Suspect Interviews, the possibility and viability of conducting interviews via VTC (Video Teleconferencing) or other remote link, N50 and SAITULLAH are not to be interviewed in this manner.

They will be interviewed in person as will those witnesses who are key to the N50 strand of this investigation.

Those on the periphery of the enquiry may be considered for interview via VTC.

This will be assessed on a case by case basis by the SIO.

Reason:

Due to the security and logistical restrictions on interviewing in Afghanistan, the idea of remote interviewing has been explored.

Whilst not ideal, SPA and National leads are comfortable with the notion and this will not be a barrier in obtaining relevant evidence nor will it hinder evidence production at court or other proceedings.

The management of the interviews will require careful consideration and planning. As the N50 enquiry is one of potential homicide, unless deemed as being on the boundaries of the matter under report, all Afghanistan based witnesses will be interviewed face to face and not by remote means.

The SIO will make the decision on the above.

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