

Maguire Case

Information for all victim supports, Child Care officers and Children's Service Witnesses

The case against Jane and Alan Maguire was remanded to the Royal Court at the hearing this morning (07.07.98). The Magistrate, Mr Trott found that there was no merit in the application to withdraw the charges against Jane Maguire. He found that there is a prima facie case to answer on both sets of charges. This means in effect that the hearing held in June was a committal proceedings.

Transcripts of evidence will need be signed in the Magistrates Court on 21 07 98. All witnesses will be warned to attend on that day, when they will be required to read through the evidence they gave and sign the transcripts.

Though it is hoped that the case will be 'fast tracked' it is unlikely that it will be heard for two or three months, as it is expected to be a reasonably long hearing. DC Emma Coxshall is available to provide information immediately. DC Nick Troy will be making contact with witnesses as soon as possible, and providing support as before.

Could all those who have been supporting the young people involved in the case please liase with them as soon as possible to inform them of developments, and assess whether there is a need for contact by Children's Service or police.

Reporting on the case will be restricted as it is still sub judice. However I am informed that the nationals are now aware of it.

Marnie.