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Sent: 05 October 2015 20:10
To: Teresa Steadman
Subject: RE: POLICE REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Dear Teresa,

Thank you for your email.

I was not too certain about the needle mark, as there was no bruising around it, but felt I should record it, and we found no other marks suggestive of venepuncture.. There were no defence marks or bruises – certainly nothing to indicate a struggle. There was some partly digested food in the stomach, and no evidence of decomposition, so I would guess – and guess is all I can do, that he had been dead for less than 24 hours.

I hope this is of some help. My report next week will be incomplete because I have not received the toxicology report as yet.

Kind regards

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From: Teresa Steadman [<mailto:Teresa.Steadman@walthamforest.gov.uk>]
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Subject: POLICE REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Importance: High

Good Morning Dr Soosay,

Re: Jack Taylor

I have been contacted by police who are investigating the circumstances leading to this young man's death. The following questions have been posed and I would be most grateful if you could assist where possible

- This young man is right handed and the tox form refers to ? needle mark in the right antecubital fossa. Are you able to provide more detail on this mark.
- The last sighting of this young man is 35 hours before discovery. Are you able to give further information on his stomach contents, i.e. had he recently eaten, was there partly digested food etc. that might assist their enquiry.
- Are you able to give an opinion on possible time of death.

Many thanks.