

Police officer dies in training session

A POLICE officer died during a routine training session after suffering a massive heart attack.

Gail Pirnie, 42, who was based at West Hendon, collapsed last Wednesday afternoon while training to use a new style of police baton.

Despite receiving immediate first-aid from colleagues she was pronounced dead at Edgware General.

A post mortem revealed that the condition of her heart meant the attack could have happened at any time.

Supt David Dadd said: "I would like her to be remembered as a very sunny and full-of-life sort of person."

A service will be held tomorrow at 2pm in the parish church of St Jude, Hampstead Garden Suburb.

EMPLOYEE IN INTENSIVE CARE

Safety executive investigates Barnet's refuse collection firm

THREE serious accidents have led health and safety chiefs to investigate Barnet's refuse collection company.

AAH plc, a national environmental services company, was issued an improvement notice by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) after two accidents injured dustmen within the last year.

AAH was awarded the contract by Barnet three years ago without any approval of its health and safety record.

No one at AAH was available for comment.

Alan Williams, leader of the council, said: "This gives me great cause for concern that the council let a contract some years ago without having approved the company's health and safety policy."

A third incident, still being investigated along with the other accidents, happened in Edgware two weeks ago and left employee Daniel Macavoy in intensive care having been crushed by hydraulic equipment.

The accident came just three months after Barnet Council finally got round to approving the company's health and safety policy in July.

Virginia Monson, spokesman for HSE, said: "The Health and Safety Executive in the South East region has not prosecuted this company in the past but we have issued an improvement notice."

A APL contract with the council will run for

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Accidental death prompts call for review

A CORONER is to recommend a review of how the Metropolitan Police use doctors following the death of Whetstone man.

Joshua Ward, 20, of Chandos Avenue, died in Barnet General on February 9, three days after he was arrested on suspicion of possessing cannabis and taken to Whetstone police station.

The jury at an inquest on Tuesday, found he had injured his head before he was taken to the station and recorded a verdict of accidental death.

But Mr Ward's father, John, a detective constable at Golders Green police station, said the family were disappointed with the verdict.

Joshua, a part-time supermarket cashier with Tesco, was held in custody at the police station where he was examined three times before a fourth examination prompted his admission to hospital.

Shoppers find it's only sometimes on a Sunday for Brent Cross stores

BRENT CROSS shopping centre spokeswoman said: "Sunday trading is

What price the eruv? £4,000 a day

BARNET paid more than £23,000 to the barrister which represented it at the public inquiry into the eruv, the Hendon Times has learned.

The legal fees to barrister John Taylor QC totalled a massive £23,676 — amounting to some £4,000 for each day of the inquiry held last year. The bill is likely to have made the inquiry the most expensive ever fought by the council. The time spent by planning chiefs in assessing the application, together with extensive public consultation, is thought to have pushed overall costs close to £100,000.

The setting up of the eruv, meanwhile, faces further delays. Dr Jeffrey Segall, a long-standing opponent from Cricklewood, has applied to the High Court

by PAUL FRANCIS

challenging the Secretary of State's decision, claiming the planning inspector failed to consider social harmony when he gave the go-ahead.

Barnet's legal bill was so large that the former Conservative administration, whose decision to reject the eruv application led to the inquiry, was forced to cushion the blow on its planning budget with a one-off cash hand out. A council spokesman confirmed that the budget committee had agreed the extra allocation last year.

"The planning department sets aside a sum of money for inquiries. With the eruv, they had to get the extra funding from the finance committee," the spokesman said.

The most expensive part of Mr Taylor's professional fees was the £10,000 he charged to attend the inquiry. But he

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£ 20,150.00 DUE WITH VAT OF £ 3,526.25 (17.5%)	TOTAL FEES £	20,150.00
	TOTAL VAT £	3,526.25
	TOTAL DUE £	23,676.25

also charged £6,250 for five so-called 'refresher' sessions and £1,500 to advise the council on the case before the inquiry began. With VAT, the bill totalled £23,676.25.

Councillor Jack Cohen, the current chairman of Barnet's town planning committee and a supporter of the eruv, said: "The only people who seem to benefit from these situations are the lawyers.

This is on top of the other costs involved in this application. It is a warning that when we look at the planning applications we have to make decision's on planning merits — and those decisions have to be sensible ones."

United Synagogue Eruv Committee spokesman Edward Black said he was confident the High Court would uphold the inspector's decision.

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Missing woman found dead

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to the death of a woman whose body was discovered in the River Brent last week.

Ivy Weaving, 86, of Franklin House, Perryfields

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