

11. When we arrived at the ground there were three or four senior officers directing and co-ordinating the movements of the ambulances in the area used as the access/exit to the football ground.

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12. I drove into the football ground and was told by Alan Hopkins to drive onto the pitch. The ambulance officers were trying to get the ambulance onto the pitch and the police and fans appeared to be obstructing the vehicle's progress. Alan Hopkins told me to drive in forwards and down the slope onto the pitch. A police officer attempted to stop me doing this. I told him I had been instructed to do it and he allowed me to carry on. The access was difficult because of the number of fans carrying casualties on makeshift stretchers. This made access onto the pitch difficult. When I drove onto the pitch I saw thousands of people and the scene before me was terrible. There were quite a number of people moving towards the exit, however, when they saw me they moved out of the way and I drove along the touchline on the north side of the ground and parked the vehicle in the goal area. The fans were hitting the side of the ambulance and when we came to a halt Anthony left the vehicle. There were many injured people in the area and those casualties were being attended to by fans. I remained in my vehicle. After only a few seconds there were three casualties loaded into the rear of the ambulance. Anthony said we should go straight away. Anthony was working on a young girl of about 14 or 15 years old with a nurse who was helping to resuscitate the young girl. I was driving and I drove across the centre of the football pitch and I could see the scene was much the same as when I had arrived. People were carrying injured and casualties on makeshift stretchers. Others were in shock and wandering around in a daze. I had no problems getting off the pitch.

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13. A Senior Ambulance Officer told me to return to the ground as soon as I was clear at the Northern General Hospital. I had a clear exit from the ground into Penistone Road and I travelled north to the roundabout with Leppings Lane and followed the Police direction into Herries Road where a police outrider escorted the ambulance to the hospital. The traffic gave way and the police were on almost every junction. The journey to the Northern General Hospital was swift. I drove into the Barnsley Road entrance towards casualty where the doctors and nurses unloaded the patients onto trolleys very quickly. I think the doctors and nurses may have been waiting for us.

14. I did not use the radio during the journey to the Northern General Hospital. I handed over the patients who, as far as I was aware were still alive. The doctors and nurses took the patients into the resuscitation rooms. Anthony and I recovered the cots and returned to the vehicle. My vehicle was not an emergency vehicle and we did not have a minute man pack. I recall there were two other vehicles at casualty and a St John's ambulance too.

15. Anthony and I returned to the vehicle and drove back to Hillsborough. We had a police escort which led us down Herries Road South where the traffic was parked to the left giving clear access. On arrival at the junction with Penistone Road I took the vehicle across the central reservation and I joined a queue of vehicles waiting to enter the gymnasium entrance to the ground. Anthony and I knew that we were attending a major incident because of the scenes of the football pitch and the sheer number of emergency vehicles around the ground.