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26 May 2009

Dear Sirs

Re: Gosport Inquest, 18 March 2009
Amendment to cost limitation
Claim for Costs

We write to confirm that the Inquest hearing concluded on 20 April 2009. As you will be aware there were ten families and we represented five; the others were unrepresented. Of the five whom we represented positive verdicts were obtained in four cases.

We are concerned that we have not received any correspondence from you since the Inquest began. In the meantime you should, amongst other items, have received from us :-

- Supplementary Application for us to provide representation for Mr Iain Wilson's family; and
- Amended Application in respect of the costs of representing the four families.

This Inquest was an extremely demanding piece of work. The papers are very voluminous. We have prepared a Summary from our computerised contemporaneous time recording and attach copy. As you will see the total costs incurred are £81,320.08.

We therefore request further increase of the cost limitation to £81,320.08 and request that you give retroactive authority. By way of explanation it was not possible to predict the sheer extent of the work needed at the outset of this particular format of inquest and after requests we only received details of Counsels' costs today.

Please can you confirm if the enclosed Summary provides sufficient detail. We will be very happy to forward our files of papers to you. Please note if we were to forward the clients' files and medical records then these would be very bulky.

Should you require a Form Claim 1 please can you advise us as soon as possible. Also given the complexity of the papers, please can you advise if you would fund the cost of preparing this which we estimate could be in the region of £2,000.00 to £3,000.00 to instruct a Costs Draftsman to undertake this work.

Please can you acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and now proceed with our claim for costs. We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please ask to speak to John White.