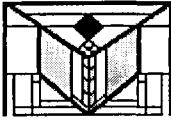


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Janet

Please see attached note from Simon Tanner as discussed re: police concerns about the internal management investigation.

thanks very much

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Tanner Simon

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To: **Code A**
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Dear Sir Liam

As you will be aware, we have kept in close contact with Hampshire Constabulary to ensure coherence of our enquiries. Yesterday, the chief investigating officer for the Constabulary, Det.Chief Superintendent Steve Watts was in contact to say that they now had concerns about the terms of reference of our own management investigation, in the light of their own, developing inquiries. This is particularly in respect to any potential criminal charge regarding corporate culpability for systems failure.

He is writing formally to Gareth Cruddace, to say that any enquiry which looks at the behaviour of individuals in the past, rather than systems and processes in the present, risks prejudicing the integrity of the police enquiry and should be halted. On the basis of this, we have put our own investigation (which had been proceeding with police permission) on hold for the time being.

Having been shown a draft of the TOR for the new CHI investigation, it seems that this could be straying into similar territory, since it covers, in Bullet 3 "the adequacy of the response to those concerns and those raised

by professional organisations by trust managers". It is likely, therefore, that the police would hold the same view about the CHI investigation, if these TOR remain unchanged.

We are aware that an announcement about the CHI investigation is imminent. We thought it important that you should know these recent developments.

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