



**The Coroners Office
For Portsmouth & South East Hampshire**

Mrs O'Brien

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Date: 18th March 2013

Dear Mrs O'Brien

Re: Inquest of Mrs Gladys Richards

Please find enclosed a copy of an E Mail and letter received from Mills & Reeve.

HM Coroner has requested that I send you a copy for your perusal prior to the Inquest.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs L JOHN
Coroner's Officer
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

Enc. Copy of E Mail and letter from Mills & Reeve dated 14th March 2013

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From: Helen Antill **Code A** **On Behalf Of** Stuart Knowles
Sent: 14 March 2013 16:51
To: Horsley, David
Subject: Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust - G R - Inquest

Dear Mr Horsley

Gladys Richards - Inquest
Our ref: BSPK/30000 **Code A**

Please see the attached letter, sent on behalf of Stuart Knowles.

Regards
 Helen

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14 March 2013

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Dear Mr Horsley

Gladys Richards - Inquest

Many thanks for sending me a copy of the letter to Blake Laphorn.

I entirely understand your position.

It is also of concern to me that there has been a recent unproductive email exchange between the Medical Defence Union and Blake Laphorn. It is also slightly concerning that I have not had a formal response from Blake Laphorn in reply to my email requesting information as to the outstanding documentation following your request for them to disclose relevant papers.

I suspect that to some extent, I will have to deal with these matters "on the hoof" when the hearing commences.

I also suspect that I share the observations in your letter of 13 March limiting the scope of this inquiry and hopefully, that will enable us to restrict questions and documentation to those which are strictly relevant.

As always, if I can assist you in any way with this matter then you should not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Assuring you of my best attention.

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for Mills & Reeve LLP

cc: Peter Mellor, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust

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