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Mr John Wilderspin
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Dear Mr Wilderspin

I write on behalf of Mrs. M Bulbeck, myself and other members of the family of the late Mrs. D Middleton.

Mrs. Bulbeck, the daughter of the late Mrs. Middleton, was involved in lengthy correspondence with the Nursing Midwifery Council, the General Medical Council, the NHS and others relating to the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Middleton and the care she received whilst in the care of the NHS.

One of the last letters received by Mrs. Bulbeck, from the NHS, was a letter dated 3rd October 2002 in which Mr Alan Pickering, then Acting Chief Executive, wrote ***"I am sorry that the care provided to your mother at this time did not come up to the standards we would hope to provide"***.

Mrs. Bulbeck, who fought strenuously to obtain clarification as to why her mother received sub standard care and clarification as to what would happen to the persons responsible for that sub standard care, could not, justifiably, accept the blandness of the content of the letter from Mr Pickering and its, in our opinion, attempts to place Mrs. Middleton's death and prior sub standard care in the category of being something that everyone would learn from but for which no one was responsible.

As a family, we are attempting for the last time to provide the NHS with the opportunity to give full voluntary disclosure of the sub standard care provided to the late Mrs. Middleton, such sub standard care continuing up to the time of her death.

It is obvious from the comments made in correspondence that the NHS has interviewed all staff concerned and it would be appreciated if we could have, by return, the names of all staff interviewed in order that we may take whatever action we consider appropriate in the event that our final request, for transparency and a full resume of the sub standard care meted out to Mrs. Middleton, is not met.

Your prompt response to this request, together with a precise explanation as to what constituted the sub standard care and the reasons for it would be appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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