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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your reply to my letter of 27 Nov 08 through Mr Hoban to which I would be grateful for further clarification, and am writing direct as advised by his office.

Your reply does not answer my concerns about why a Public Enquiry was turned down, and also why the Coroner has been denied access to leading Counsel's advice. Would you please look again at this, as I understand that the Coroner's powers are limited to merely identifying the identity of the deceased person, the time and circumstances of death, the cause of death and how the deceased died. It is not to establish civil or criminal liability although there are strong reasons for believing that criminality was involved and that the police investigation was inadequate.

Your letter refers to work done by the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Medical Council. Would you please enquire as to why these reports have not been made available for scrutiny or, like the Baker Report, is it that they too are being suppressed by the Chief Medical Officer?

Your letter states that a full Public Enquiry now is not an appropriate way forward. Does this imply that one might be appropriate in the future?

I am currently overseas and would prefer your response to be emailed to

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With kind regards,

Charles Stewart-Farthing

Copy to: Mark Hoban, MP