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Dear Mr White

**Your ref: 558203/000001/JCW/RICHARD/LCR Gladys Richards (deceased)**

I refer to your letter to the GMC dated 7 September in which you requested information held by the GMC in connection with Mrs Gladys Richards (deceased). Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

In your letter dated 7 September 2011 you specifically requested copies of medical reports prepared by Professor Livesey and Professor Ford and statements from nursing staff who looked after the late Mrs Richards. Please find enclosed copies of the material as requested.

In line with your request the statements/records of police interviews provided are only those from nursing staff involved in the treatment of Mrs Richards. We do hold statements from doctors, including Dr Barton, which relate specifically to the treatment of Mrs Richards. I am unsure, particularly after reading your subsequent letter dated 25 October 2011, whether you require copies of these statements also. I would therefore be grateful if you could clarify this for me in writing.

Please note that minor redactions have been made to the material disclosed to take account of personal information of the particular witnesses and experts concerned. This includes details of their work history and other personal biographical information, which does not relate to Mrs Richards.

Professor Ford has also asked me to emphasise that the two reports concerning Gladys Richards prepared by him for the GMC, dated 21 April 2009 and 25 May 2009, were not seen by the GMC panel which considered the Fitness to Practise of Dr Jane Barton.

Finally I note that from your letter dated 25 October 2011 that you extended the scope of your original request by requesting other medical reports concerning the late Mrs Richards. We do hold one further medical report, and I am currently seeking the consent of the author prior to disclosing this to you. I will revert to you again in connection with this matter as soon as possible.

In the meantime I hope the enclosed information is useful to you.

If you have any concerns regarding the handling of your request for this information please contact Julian Graves, Information Access Manager, at the address above, or email

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Yours sincerely

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