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Ann Alexander

Code A

Dear Ann,

Re: **Operation Rochester**

I write with regard to the above investigation. The purpose of this letter is twofold and relates recent email communication held between Code A and David Williams and, secondly, with regard to the enclosed correspondence addressed to three of your clients.

With regard to the first matter, on the 6th September 2004, Code A sent David Williams an email in which she asked whether we would be prepared to disclose any expert reports relating to the category 2 cases. On the 21st September David Williams replied to Lisa Elkin again by email. In this email David Williams indicated that our initial view in respect of this request was that we would not be prepared to disclose the requested reports. He did, however, undertake to consider the matter and communicate further in due course.

I am able to tell you that this matter has been given further consideration but our view on such disclosure remains unchanged. We will nonetheless, be more than willing to reconsider this position at a later stage when the direction of the investigation and any issue in respect of criminal proceedings is resolved.

With regard to the second matter, please find enclosed letters addressed to Mrs Jackson and Ms Yeats. You will be aware that these ladies are the daughter and grand daughter of Alice Wilkie and both are clients represented by your company.

Despite this further analysis, due to the insufficiency of material, it was not possible to reach any conclusions as to the appropriateness of treatment received by Mrs Wilkie.

It is, therefore, with regret that I have to inform you that, in the absence of additional information coming forward indicating unlawful criminal conduct, we are unable to pursue any further enquiries in respect of the treatment received by Mrs Wilkie at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

As you may be aware, our purpose in investigating these matters is twofold. Firstly, to seek to ascertain whether any unlawful criminal activity has taken place in respect of the patient deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Secondly, to investigate the circumstances surrounding these deaths on behalf of Her Majesty's Coroner. It is our intention to update the Coroner of the details of the investigation into the death of your Grandmother, Mrs Wilkie.

In addition, we would also seek to inform both the General Medical Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council of the circumstances of this case for their consideration. In doing so we would propose to supply them with any concerns regarding the treatment of Mrs Wilkie raised by yourself and other family members.

To this end I have enclosed a consent form for your attention together with a freepost envelope. I would be grateful if you could return the completed form to me in due course.

If in the mean time I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address or by contacting our Family Liaison Officer, Code A

Yours sincerely

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