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Dear Nigel

Operation Rochester

Thank you for your letter dated 6 January 2005.

Having considered the material provided to us, it is our current view that we are unlikely to be taking any further action at the moment. In the circumstances, it appears to us that any NMC action must follow any criminal proceedings.

Accordingly, we will not be doing anything that may have any affect on your proceedings or generate publicity in the near future.

We would welcome an update from you on the current timetable for any criminal proceedings. I would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss this, or to deal with this in correspondence if that would be more convenient to you.

We are seeking a similar indication from the GMC.

There is one specific matter that you could assist with. As we discussed, the NMC has received complaints from a number of families, most of which have either been closed, or related to patients who fell within your category 2. However, we have one outstanding complaint relating to the death of Mrs Divine. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether this is one of the cases you have investigated and, if so, which of your categories it falls into. This would be for our information only, and would not be disclosed to anyone.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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