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Dear Dr North

Regarding the request to obtain a witness statement from you regarding Ruby Lake, a letter has been received from Dr David Stewart from the Medical Protection Society regarding access to the medical records.

Please find enclosed a copy of the reply sent to him by Detective Sergeant Stephenson.

I shall contact you as discussed in the early part of next week to arrange a convenient date to see you.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Dr David Stewart

Thank you for your letter dated 12th January 2005 re Dr Derek NORTH. Firstly can I say that it is our intention not to interview Dr North in respect of this matter but to obtain a witness statement from him with regard to his involvement with the patient Ruby LAKE. Please be assured that Dr North will be given access to Mrs LAKE'S medical records up to the point where Dr North ceased his contact with the patient in a professional capacity.

I have taken this opportunity to copy this letter to Dr North also.

Yours sincerely

DS Roy Stephenson

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DISCLOSURE OF PATIENT /MEDICAL RECORDS TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO ASSIST IN COMPILATION OF WITNESS STATEMENTS.

24.12.2004.

To date certain Healthcare Professionals particularly Consultants and Doctors have engaged in making detailed and lengthy witness statements concerning the care afforded to particular Category Three cases. These statements have been taken by officers who have afforded supervised access to medical records relevant to the issue being stated.

Requests have been made by Doctors to receive full copies of the medical notes for perusal prior to making these statements, thereby aiding their recollection of events and allowing for the most accurate response.

The full medical notes reveal the patient and healthcare history of the patients and will not be wholly relevant to the Healthcare Professionals reports upon particular aspects of care.

Furthermore interviews under caution have been commenced with Healthcare Professionals against a strict incremental disclosure policy.

To aid the witness statementing process, access will be allowed to patient records up to the point where the particular witness ceases their contact with the patient in a professional capacity. This will be managed by the interviewing officer.

In complex cases where the witness has had protracted contact, the witness will be allowed to retain a copy of the notes until completion of the witness statement under signature receipt.

The witness will also be asked to sign a declaration to the effect that they understand that the particular case is subject to ongoing criminal investigation and that they agree not to discuss the issues or their evidence with others, will not copy the notes and will return them to the police on completion of their witness statement.

DW.24.12.2004.