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Dear Mrs Ripley,

I write further to my letter of the 20th September 2004, regarding the issues you raised in your earlier letter of the 16th September 2004.

I have reviewed the conclusions of the clinical team and our independent medical/legal advisor. These conclusions were based on the analysis of your husband's medical records and the information provided by yourselves.

Their view is that the treatment of your husband was indeed sub-optimal, but not sufficient to consider that there had been unlawful criminal activity in respect of this treatment. Our investigation from the onset has been to identify if any criminal offences have been committed and if so, by whom.

Having studied the material available, the various experts have identified the key aspects of your husband's treatment and on the basis that it cannot be considered to be unlawful criminal activity, we have referred your husband's case to the General Medical Council (GMC).

It will now be a matter for the GMC to determine any other course of action. It may be useful for you to speak with the GMC in due course. Our point of liaison there is Mr Paul Hylton. In addition, it may be useful for you to speak again with Mr Follis of Alexander Harris as he may wish to give this matter consideration on your behalf.

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@ RGM 8/10*

I would like to take this opportunity to repeat the apology already passed on by Owen Kenny with regard to the error with the date of your husband's admission to hospital, within the expert summary. This error was most regrettable and has been brought to the attention of the author. I am assured, however, that this error does not in any way alter the conclusions of the expert advisors.

If I can be of any other assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

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Nigel Niven
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20 September 2004

Dear Mrs Ripley,

Thank you for your letter of 15th September 2004, the contents of which has been noted. Thank you also for promptly returning the signed medical records disclosure document. I will consider the issues raised by you and I will respond in full as soon as I am in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Niven
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15-09-04

Dear Detective Superintendent Williams.

Re: Expert Review on James Ripley BJC/42

I have today spoken to Owen Kenny regarding the review and told him of various gross mistakes on it. i.e.

Wrong date, wrong diagnosis. etc. Owen was

very kind & patient and put my mind easy on several things. He said he would be taking the expert to task on the wrong admission date (April 2000) NOT Aug. 2004.

and said that the diagnosis on admission of "worsening renal function" was in fact mentioned in the hospital notes.

My husband Jim has had a very slight renal problem SINCE 2002 for which he attends outpatients at Haslar under

Mr Hedges. This was NOT the reason for his admission to war memorial in 2000. It was complete immobilisation due to gout, bursitis and a flare up of chronic arthritis.

Next point. Owen tried to explain that the word drowsy that I picked up was mentioned by GP Dr Anderson on approx 6th April 2000 - OK But the day

Jim was in a coma (analgesic) 9th April 2000 Dr Anderson didn't even see him. I was with Jim all that day a Sunday. An Emergency locum Dr Williams I think told me catastrophic stroke - would not recover.

then I got him transferred to Haslar. -
10th April 2000 Haslar confirmed analgesic coma and dehydration! Owen tried to settle my concerns beautifully and I thank him for that

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However our solicitors Richard Follis of Alexander Harris
have advised me to put this in writing to you.

I feel something is very wrong with this whole
investigation. It is nearly 5 years now and we seem
to be no further forward.

May I say I have great faith in Owen Kenny,
a very caring and patient officer, and I have never
had any complaint against the police — just the
hospital and staff

Thank you for your time

Yours sincerely

Code A

Paul Riptey.

I enclose my/our signed consent form as requested.

Ps I have the relevant letter from Haslar backing my
statement. Have you or the experts not seen it
or have any Haslar staff been questioned??

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