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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 Lisa Elkin 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2004, Lisa Elkin 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

The letters explain the outcome of our investigation relating to the death of Mrs Wilkie. In essence, we have been unable to reach any conclusions as to the appropriateness of the treatment received by Mrs Wilkie at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital due to the insufficiency of existing medical records.

Within the letters I have outlined what we have attempted to achieve thus far and our proposal to pass the details of this case to the appropriate regulatory bodies for subsequent consideration.

You will also find enclosed a letter addressed to your client, Miss Moore. She has raised concerns regarding the review conducted in respect of her aunt Violet Reeve. These concerns have been attended to within this letter.

I have forwarded this correspondence to you in furtherance of my previous undertaking to let you know of any communication we intend to make with your clients. This was intended to allow you to be able to deal with any resulting issues on an informed basis.

It is my intention to make an arrangement to meet with you, together with David Williams, in the very near future. At that meeting we will be only too happy to discuss this or any other matter you wish to draw to our attention.

If in the mean time you wish to discuss any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Niven
Detective Chief Inspector
Operation Rochester