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Mr WATTS..

As discussed.. I met with the Coroner Mr BRADLEY this morning in company with Code A

Code A

Comprehensive papers have been forwarded and Mr BRADLEY requires nothing further from us until he has read them...

He will be looking to identify interested parties and will be holding a pre-inquest hearing to receive applications on 14th August 2008..(I will be attending with Code A

He is likely to adjourn the hearing until the GMC fitness to practice hearing is resolved (Sept/October 2008).

He anticipates that the hearing will last 2 to 4 weeks..but that will depend on the number of legal representatives instructed by families...

He is hoping to hold a single hearing incorporating all 10 matters...

In terms of media stuff I have informed the coroner that we do not intend to make any comment until the conclusion of the inquests.. He thanked you for the offer of media officer assistance and when the pressure builds he will get back to us for that support...

I may have previously informed you but to reiterate, the GMC have identified 15 cases for hearing and 'failure to complete proper medical records and inappropriate prescribing' matters have been laid.. The GMC have identified 35 witnesses to give evidence including DR BLACK as the principal witness.. Interestingly Dr WILCOCK (our most expensive witness) has refused to attend citing that he is too busy.. It is likely that the coroner will call Dr WILCOCK..

Will update you as things progress..

Regards..DW.