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From: Williams, David M
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Dave..

This one to be sent.. Thanks.DW.

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From: Grocott, David
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Sir
A different letter for Dr Wilcock. You may wish to discuss or change. We clearly need to speed him up (at present he will take over 2 years to complete from now!) and cut his bill but I wouldn't want to scare him off

Dave



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Operation Rochester

Dear Dr WILCOCK

I write with regard to Operation ROCHESTER, an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital during the 1990's. Since employing your services as an expert witness in July last year the investigation has moved forward in a number of respects.

May I take this opportunity to clarify the final number and identity of cases under investigation:-

1. Elsie DEVINE
2. Arthur CUNNINGHAM
3. Sheila GREGORY
4. Robert WILSON
5. Jean STEVENS
6. Enid SPURGIN
7. Code C
8. Helena SERVICE
9. Ruby LAKE
10. Elsie LAVENDER
11. Geoffrey PACKMAN

Our agreed framework remains that you will review patient records giving your expert opinion regarding the care and treatment afforded to those patients.

Following police interviews with Dr BARTON in relation to patient care issues, we provide you with a copy of Dr BARTON'S response for consideration against your first opinion.

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Finally you review statements obtained from other healthcare professionals involved in that patients care together with any family member statements with a view to revising or maintaining your position in the light of all relevant information.

I appreciate that this has been a lengthy process of deliberation with a significant amount of material requiring review in each and every case. I am grateful for your ongoing response mindful that it is additional to the significant day to day workload that you must be carrying.

To date you have completed the following.

A review of the patient records in respect of DEVINE LAVENDER & **Code C**

A review of the statement of Dr BARTON in respect of the three aforementioned patients.

A review of the statements of other healthcare professionals in respect of these cases.

To date we have been invoiced £46,295 in respect of the work to date against a mutually agreed 'hourly rate' contract (an average of approximately £15,000 per case).

There is no doubting the depth and quality of your work, however as a custodian of the public purse I am bound to highlight that should your analysis in respect of the remaining nine cases follow a similar pattern in terms of timescales and cost it will take at best 2 years to complete at a cost of £150,000.

By any standards the projected cost at current rates is high. I would ask that you consider a negotiated fixed fee for completion of work in respect of this case.

I would also like to discuss the timetable for projected work during 2005. At present we have submitted three sets of case papers to the Crown Prosecution Service in London for their consideration. These relate to DEVINE LAVENDER & **Code C**

We have timetabled police interviews with Dr Jane BARTON to take place during the last week of each month throughout 2005.

Dr BARTON is interviewed and provides a written statement of her views in relation to a particular case. On conclusion of that interview she is given another set of records to review and invited back a month later. To that end it is essential that we try and have an expert review of the papers completed at the same time.

May I ask that you review a set of records in respect of the outstanding 9 cases on a monthly basis?

It would be evidentially beneficial to the investigation to approach each of the interviews with the benefit of expert opinion. I am able to supply a complete set of these records as soon as you are able to receive them.

May I again thank you for you significant work around this case.

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Yours sincerely

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