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Dear Mrs MacKenzie

Further to my letter of 26th March I have now discussed the issues concerning my report with John James of the Hampshire Police and my medical defence union. The legal position is that I do not own the report and am therefore not at liberty to disclose it to you. My report is owned by the Hampshire Police and I would be happy for them to release the relevant section to you if they considered it was appropriate and possible. I understand that Detective Superintendent James has discussed the position of the Hampshire Police and the opinion of their solicitor is that they are not in a position to release the report to you. However, you could initiate undertakings for negligence through your solicitor who could, as part of these proceedings, request access to my report and those of any other experts. Alternatively you could initiate expert reports as part of a case for negligence and your solicitor could request reports from myself and any other experts who have provided reports to the Hampshire Police.

I am sorry I cannot be of more help to you with this matter.

Yours sincerely

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