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Dear Lt Cdr

Re; The late Arthur B Cunningham

As the Manager for "Access to Health Records" I have been asked to commence the process to release your late step-father's records. Whilst I appreciate that you have spoken with Ian Piper and discussed your concerns, health records, under the Data Protection Act, for a deceased person can only be accessed by the next of kin.

On checking the records you are not recorded as next of kin to your late step-father.

Access to Health Records is part of the Data Protection Act and requires that the enclosed form is completed and the proof of identity and relationship is proven, generally by Power of Attorney.

I appreciate that this is a difficult time for relatives and that having to complete the form is onerous but unfortunately the Act requires this. At present the health professionals are being requested to consent to the release. As soon as the consent has been provided by the health professionals I will contact you again to arrange a suitably mutual time to meet to discuss the content.

The health records which have been accessed are those for the period which covers Mr Cunningham's admission to Mulberry Ward, Dolphin Day and Phoenix Day Hospitals and Dryad Ward. Would you please confirm that these are the correct records.

Yours sincerely

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