

**Code A - Quality Manage**

**To:** Code A General Mgr; Code A Service Manager  
**Cc:** Code A General Manager; Code A n-Service Mgr  
**Subject:** Dr Lord - Code A complaint

Nicky/Jan we've had verbal advice from our solicitors (which will be followed up in writing), about Dr Lord's statement re. the care provided for Mrs Richards. We need to make sure Dr Barton is happy with Dr Lord's statement (as police action would be a civil case it would be against her, not the Trust), if she is happy, and we are comfortable that care given would pass the Bolam test, there should be no problem giving the statement to the police. Dr Barton should discuss the statement with her medical defence union - perhaps this could constitute Bolam test?.

Jane Barton is on A/I till Monday 4 Jan - I've left a message at her surgery for her to phone me, I'll explain all to her + advice/support available from Bill/Barbara as needed.

JAN can you please let Althea know what's happening. I don't want to make direct contact myself, cos I've upset the apple cart before with her - i think she needs face to face updating. David Jarret is offering her support, so you could enlist him.

Merry Christmas! Lesley