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Bill Hooper General Manager

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I met with DCI Burt again this pm. He is in the process of finalising his interviews/statements from Mrs Richard's two daughters and has got copies of the Haslar notes. He has prepared a draft statement for me to check, re; an introduction to the Trust + the patient records - I'll be contacting Bill/Barbara to double check some policy facts. The next steps will be an independent clinical view and taking of a statement from Jane Barton.

Independent clinical view: DCI Burt contacted the National Crime Faculty, they have a database of clinical experts [much like the NHS clinical assessors for independent review of complaints]. Professor Brian Livesley, MBCHB, DHMSA MD Lond, FRCP, MAE, [Care of the Elderly specialist] has agreed to under take a review for the police investigation [lives in kent, don't know where he works, but guess Ian might have heard of him?]. Not sure at this stage whether Prof. Livesley will need to talk to anyone, or if it will be a paperwork exercise.

Interview Jane Barton; DCI Burt will need to interview Jane, under caution and on tape. This will not happen until late January and will be done as sensitively as possible. [DCI Burt stressed that he needs to collect the full facts, as sensitively as possible, creating an audit trail which is fair and supportive to all - although Jane's interview will be under caution etc, that's supporting her rights not implying suspected guilt]. DCI has given me a sensitively worded letter to pass on to Jane, which I will send with a covering note similar to this email, but again sensitively worded. I know Jane previously was in touch with her MDU, i will be suggesting that she contacts them again [she's probaly already done so] and asks them to accompany her to the police interview.

Jane will clearly need support, Bill i presume you/Fiona will ensure.

Nicky can you please ask David to update Althea.

At this stage it is not clear of anyone other than Jane will need to be interviewed, possibly not.

Lorna has agreed to seek further advice from Wandsboroughs, we contacted them previously about this case.

Have I missed anything?
Lesley