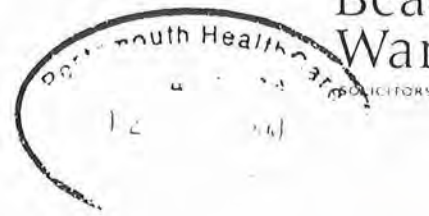


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Dear Lorna

The late Gladys Richards

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2000 with enclosure.

I recall that we discussed this previously. I did consider that it was rather unusual for the police to be making these kind of enquiries by letter. However I see no objection to the proposed reply if this will assist them. I understand that an allegation of neglect by Dr Barton has been made by the late Mrs Richards' relatives. I understand that the police intend to interview Dr Barton who is being advised by the MDU. In the circumstances you may consider it appropriate for Dr Barton to discuss the proposed reply with her Defence organisation.

Please do not hesitate to telephone me if I can provide any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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