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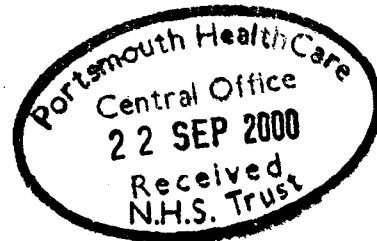
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**IN CONFIDENCE**

Dear Mrs Humphrey,

**Re: Gladys Mable RICHARDS**

I am writing to you in connection with the on-going investigation into the death of Gladys Mable RICHARDS.

Among the persons who have been interviewed about the events which preceded Mrs RICHARDS death are:

- (1) Dr Jane BARTON and
- (2) Mr Philip BEED

I would like to formally enquire whether either Dr BARTON or Mr BEED have ever been the subject of any complaints or allegations to the Trust, or any other body within your knowledge, stemming from any issue appertaining to professional competence or standards of patient care.



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If any such complaints or allegations have been made I would like to ask your advice as regards how the records relating to any subsequent enquiry or discipline investigation may be obtained.

I'm sure I have mentioned this before but may I please confirm that any documents or records which may be held by the Trust, or by any other person or body on the Trust's behalf, are retained pending the outcome of the Police investigation.

I appreciate that this is an extremely sensitive investigation, over all, and I assure you that we will continue to treat all parties, from whom we are seeking assistance in our task, with consideration and respect.

Yours sincerely

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R J BURT  
Detective Chief Inspector