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**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Lesley

**Re: GWMH Police Case**

Here are my views if the CPS decision is to take no further action.

I do not feel that we should offer any condolences to the family. The word "sorry" has been used too many times. Rather than being perceived as an offer of sympathy, it is seen and taken as an admission of fault. Any statement to the press should stress how difficult a time it has been for the staff who now want to concentrate on getting on with providing care for the local community. A statement should be made encouraging the family to let the matter rest and get on with grieving in a more appropriate way. Otherwise I have no comment on the record of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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