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I think you all know that it was decided some time ago that we would seek senior counsel's advice on how to proceed in this case. Clare Strickland and I met with Jo Cutts QC on 8 Sep and talked through the various issues that this case throws up. You will see below in Clare's email to me of 24 Sep the proposal for moving this case forward following that meeting.

What we need to do now is decide how to proceed with Richards case ? and agree drafts of the letters to go out to all of the other parties who need to be updated and informed of the current position.

Would you let me have your thoughts on this please?

Clare is preparing a bundle and report to go to the PPC and Jo Cutts will produce some advice for the panel to use when approaching its decision.

[Code A] for cost purposes we have agreed a fee of £300 per hour for advice and have so far incurred £450 for the consultation. The advice for the PPC and consideration of the other issues may be initially be a day and a half .Our exposure at present for costs is around £3,500.

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From: Clare Strickland
Sent: 25 September 2008 13:42
To: [Code A]
Subject: RE: Gosport

Thanks - I've got some time blocked out, it shouldn't take more than a day or two if I get a clear run at it.

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From: [Code A]
Sent: 25 September 2008 11:55
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Subject: RE: Gosport

Thank you.

I will speak with Ian et al about our proposal and let [Code A] have a cost estimate for JC's input. I don't think that it will make a great deal of difference if you are not able to do finalise the report before early Nov all things considered but perhaps you could block out some time in your diary now.

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From: [Code A]
 Sent: 24 September 2008 13:51
 To: [Code A]
 Subject: Gosport

This is a just a quick note to let you know I haven't forgotten this case. I have started on a report for the PPC, and have identified the documents to go in the bundle. As soon as my report is done, I can send it to you for comments, then on to Jo Cutts so she can prepare her advice. Meanwhile, we need to update Ian Todd/[Code A] [Code A] [Code A] with our plan i.e.:

- * Go back to PPC on all cases where there has been a complaint to the NMC
- * Inform the registrants that the PPC will be considering them
- * Inform the complainants that the PPC will be considering their complaints

It seems to me that before I can finalise everything, someone needs to make a decision on what to do about the Gladys Richards case. This complaint was closed in September 2001, and never re-opened. However, after the PPC adjourned the other complaints in August 2002, letters were sent to the complainants in the Richards case informing them that their complaint had been adjourned. According to Sarah Ellson at FFW, those complainants understandably believe that the NMC is still investigating their complaint.

I want to get all of this done asap, but I am now in back-to-back hearings, and my first free day in the office is at the end of October, so I'm not sure I'll be able to get much done before then. If you think we need to resolve Gosport before then, we will need to cover my hearings another way, but there is no in-house capacity to do that.

Regards

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