

Horsley, David

From: Bradley, Andrew [Code A]
Sent: 15 July 2008 10:55
To: Horsley, David
Subject: RE: legal representation at an inquest

Agreed - thanks for that. Will you reply or should I bearing in mind that if I do it she will then have my e-mail address. You may have seen my earlier e-mail that I am looking at 21 October for four weeks. Other than that I am just worrying Val - seems a good thing to do!

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From: Horsley, David [mailto:Code A]
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Please see below.

I don't think we should get dragged into this. I suggest a reply like this -

It's for families themselves to decide whether they want legal representation at the Inquests. In many cases where complex issues are involved, it can be helpful for lay people to have their interests represented by lawyers. These Inquests will involve complicated medical evidence and the employment of lawyers is something that all interested persons, not just the families of the deceased persons, will have to give thought to. If they decide to engage legal representatives, that is their statutory right.

What do you think ?

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From: Coroners Office
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From: Victoria Taylor [mailto:Code A]
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To: Coroners Office
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Hello Mr Horsley

I'm writing a story about the Gosport War Memorial case and would appreciate a comment from yourself.

Charity Action against Medical Accidents is already supporting some of the families and is urging all ten to team up for a unified approach and legal representation ahead of a pre-inquest hearing next month.

The families know it is not necessary to have legal representation at an inquest.

But this appeal for a united front could suggest families do not get the best out of an inquest unless they do.

I'd like to include your comments on the need for legal representation at an inquest in light of this plus any other point you feel needs making.

If you could get back to me in the next few hours I'd be very appreciative.


Please give me a ring on **Code A** or drop me an email.

Thank very much

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