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30 October 2012

Dear Sirs

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**Our Client: Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (deceased)**  
**Pre-Inquest Hearing**

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In respect of both of the above, we had hoped that the General Medical Council would provide disclosure to us of these statements. On Monday of week commencing 29 October 2012 they confirmed with ourselves that they do not hold any Haslar Hospital nursing staff statements, although we may receive a statement by one of the ambulance staff within a timescale of approximately two weeks. There is a statement from Nurse Brewer but this apparently was obtained by the Hospital Trust as part of their enquiries. The General Medical Council sought permission from the Trust to disclose the statement to us and that was refused.

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We hope this information is helpful to the Coroner and saves time at the hearing.

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