

**John, Lisa**

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**From:** Chopping, Jane [Code A]  
**Sent:** 29 November 2012 16:37  
**To:** John, Lisa  
**Cc:** Chopping, Jane  
**Subject:** RE: Inquest of Gladys Richards

Dear Lisa

Further to your request for dates to avoid for above in your email of 15 November, please avoid the following in regard to David Black's diary.

11 Feb  
 18 – 22 Feb  
 18 – 22 March  
 24 – 16 April

David Black would like a telcon with David Horsley in the near future... is this best to book through you?

With kind regards

Jane

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*(10/12/12)*  
*Next week*  
*(except Weds)*  
*(Bea)*

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**From:** John, Lisa [Code A]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2012 10:31  
**To:** Chopping, Jane  
**Subject:** Re: Inquest of Gladys Richards

Hello Jane

Please see below comments from HM Coroner Mr Horsley and in view of this could you possibly submit fresh dates to avoid for Prof Black up to the end of April next year please?

Many Thanks

Regards

Lisa JOHN  
 Coroners Officer  
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

As you will be aware, this Inquest is scheduled to commence on 3 December 2012.

I had hoped to accommodate the Inquest in a room with hearing loop facilities to accommodate Mrs McKenzie's hearing difficulties. However, no such room was available for the period of the Inquest and as an alternative I was planning to hold the Inquest in my small courtroom in Portsmouth Guildhall. Although it has no facilities for the hard of hearing, I hoped it would give Mrs McKenzie the best chance of being able to fully participate in the proceedings.

Mrs McKenzie has now informed me that a larger room will be needed as she anticipates there will be considerable numbers of the public and the media attending the hearing. Quite clearly, my courtroom could not cope with anything like a large number of people. There are no other premises available to me at short notice that could.

To avoid having to turn away persons who wish to attend, it is with great regret that I must therefore postpone the start of the Inquest to obtain larger accommodation that will, I hope, meet both the requirements of capacity and Mrs McKenzie's hearing difficulties. I have tried to find such accommodation at short notice but this has not been possible.

I fully appreciate and apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to other interested persons and I recognise the need to proceed as quickly as possible to conclude Mrs Richards' Inquest. I can make myself available to hear the Inquest at any time during the period 28 January 2013 and 12 April 2013, barring 8 February, 4 March and 18 March. Please may I ask you/Counsel instructed by you to let me or my office know at the earliest opportunity which, if any, dates in this period when you/Counsel could not attend the hearing?

I am away from the office for the next week as I am engaged in a lengthy Inquest.

Therefore, please could you respond to Mrs Lisa John, my Coroners Officer? Her email address is - Code A

David C. Horsley, LL.B, Solicitor

H.M. Coroner

Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

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