

John, Lisa

From: Horsley, David
Sent: 16 November 2012 15:59
To: John, Lisa
Subject: FW: Gladys Richards Inquest

LISA -
PLEASE SPEAK TO ME ON MONDAY
MORNING BEFORE DOING ANYTHING
WITH THIS.

In his absce HMC has worked me
to circulate this & mail from
Mr Barker of the MDU.

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From: Barker, Ian [Code A]
Sent: 16 November 2012 15:29
To: Horsley, David
Subject: RE: Gladys Richards Inquest

His proposal can be discussed on
12/12/12 Blake

Dear Mr Horsley

No problem at all – please do feel free to share it. I will send an email to Lisa so that she can feel free to disseminate it.

Kind regards

Ian Barker

From: Horsley, David [Code A]
Sent: 16 November 2012 15:23
To: Barker, Ian
Subject: RE: Gladys Richards Inquest

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then send.

Dear Mr Barker,

Thank you very much for this. There is merit in your idea - and may well be the only practical way forward.

Please may I share it with the other legal reps before the 12.12.12 meeting ?

Please could you reply to Lisa John and let her know ?

[Code A]

I'm not mindful to have a jury but I just want to hear at the meeting whether there's a persuasive contrary view. It's only fair that I hear it if there is before making my mind up finally on the subject.

David C. Horsley, LL.B, Solicitor
 H.M. Coroner
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

From: Barker, Ian [Code A]
Sent: 16 November 2012 15:14
To: Horsley, David
Subject: RE: Gladys Richards Inquest

Dear Mr Horsley

Thank you for the message, and I have of course sent an email on 12th November to let you know that the period 13th February – 1st March is available.

I wonder though if I can try to help with a further suggestion.

Can I propose that you allocate a period – perhaps a week – within those dates. A number of witnesses could then give evidence, Dr Barton included. Dr Barton could then be released.

Anticipating that single week will not be long enough, a further a week could be set aside in the period 25th March – 12th April. Dr Barton cannot attend then, but both Dr Barton's barrister and I will be able to represent her, and I am entirely confident that we will have sufficient instructions to look after her interests. It is of course not unheard of for the legal representative of an 'interested person' to remain at court to represent, even after the 'interested person' has been released and has left court.

While that might be unattractive if the matter were to be heard with a jury, there is no obligation to have a jury in this case, and it has not been your intention thus far to conduct it with one. Certainly it is my submission that a jury is not in any way necessary.

I appreciate your wish to have the question of listing aired at the pre-inquest review to take place on 12th December, when Mr Jenkins will be pleased to represent Dr Barton. I wonder though if you might want to see if there is the flexibility to list in 2 stages as I have suggested (assuming there is no 2 week period convenient to all between 13th February – 1st March). Even if 2 separated weeks are put forward on only a provisional basis now, that would at least mean they could be blocked out in everyone's diary, and the issue can then be resolved at the pre-inquest review.

do hope this assists, and as ever, please do come back to me if I can help further.

Kind regards

Ian Barker

From: Horsley, David [Code A]
Sent: 16 November 2012 11:06
To: 'White, John'; 'Davies Emma'; 'stuart.knowles [Code A]'; 'Jacqueline Haines'; Barker, Ian
Cc: John, Lisa
Subject: Gladys Richards Inquest

Mrs John from my office has been contacting you about availability for a new hearing date for the Inquest. If any of you have not yet replied to her, please could you do so as soon as possible ?

I would like to hold a further pre-Inquest meeting at my office on Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 12.00. Please could you attend or arrange for your representative to be present ?

My proposed agenda will be -

1. Coroner's update on proposed venue/facilities.
2. Achieving consensus on a hearing date.
3. Estimating length of hearing required.
4. Need for a jury ?
5. Finalising witness list/any additional evidence required.
- 6.AOB.

Please could you confirm your/your representative's attendance ?

I am now away from the office until 27 November and will not be able to regularly access office emails, so please could you reply to Mrs John ? Code A

David C. Horsley, LL.B, Solicitor
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