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John, Lisa

To: Davies Emma
Subject: RE: Inquest - Mrs Gladys Richards

Hi Emma

I have informed the Coroner that we hope to hear from you beginning of next week with availability dates. Could you confirm that will also include the availability dates for Mr Beed, Mrs Couchman and also Mrs Joice please?

Kind Regards

Lisa JOHN
Coroners Officer
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

From: Davies Emma [Code A]
Sent: 14 November 2012 09:41
To: John, Lisa
Subject: FW: Inquest - Mrs Gladys Richards

Good Morning Lisa

Further to the below unfortunately our Counsel is on annual leave until next week and therefore I am not in a position to confirm his availability. I can advise however that he is fully booked for January and February 2013 but I will revert to you, as soon as I am able, regarding dates for March and April.

Kind regards

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From: Horsley, David [Code A]
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To: 'White, John'; Davies Emma; 'Barker, Ian'; 'stuart.knowles' [Code A]; 'Jacqueline Haines'
Cc: John, Lisa
Subject: Inquest - Mrs Gladys Richards

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

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