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To: stuart.knowles(Code A)
Cc: Jacqueline Haines
Subject: FW: Inquest - Mrs Gladys Richards

Importance: High

Hello Mr Knowles

The Coroner has today asked me to chase the availability dates for you and Dr Reid please (for the period of January – April 2013 Inclusive)?

Could these be submitted with the utmost importance?

Thank you in advance

Regards

Lisa JOHN
 Coroners Officer
 Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

From: Horsley, David
Sent: 12 November 2012 09:07
To: 'White, John'; 'Davies Emma'; 'Barker, Ian'; 'stuart.knowles(Code A)'; 'Jacqueline Haines'
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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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