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12 March 2013 Dear Sirs

Our Client:

Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (Deceased) - Inquest

We write further to our letter expressing concerns about the discrepancy of the medical record entry headed in the top left hand corner "14.08.98". There appears to be two versions:-

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- Coroner's bundle, numbered page 30.

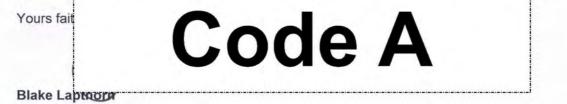
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Our concern is that Dr Barton made those entries after the late Mrs Richards' death and they gave her the opportunity to make record entries that would justify her actions, minimise the consequences and knowing that the police were investigating.

In these circumstances, therefore, we request the Coroner's permission to put the two versions of the medical record to Dr Barton and to seek an explanation from her, because of the importance of the accuracy and veracity of those entries in addressing the fundamental issues in the inquest hearing.

Please can the Coroner give consideration to this further request and we look forward to hearing from you.





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