

David C. Horsley LLB
Her Majesty's Coroner
for Portsmouth and
South East Hampshire



Coroner's Office
Room T20
The Guildhall
Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
PO1 2AJ

Fax: 023 9268 8331

Blake Laphorn
New Kings Court
Tollgate
Chandler's Ford
Eastleigh SO53 3LG

5th February 2013

Dear Sirs,

Inquest - Gladys Mabel Richards:

I refer to your letter of 24th January 2013 regarding Code A

From my perusal of the documentation I have, I do not consider that evidence from Nurse Brewer would assist me any further in the task I will have to carry out at the Inquest beyond the evidence I already intend to hear.

However, I have asked the RCN to assist me by confirming the present state of Nurse Brewer's health before I make a final decision on the issue.

Yours faithfully,

Code A

David C Horsley

Tel: Code A

Email: Code A

Blake Lapham

(Copy to everyone who got a copy of my 30 January letter) + copy BL letter

Dear Sirs,

Inquest - Gladys M Richards:

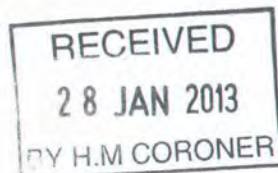
I refer to your letter of 24 January regarding Nurse **Code A**

- From my perusal of the documentation I have, I do not consider that evidence from Nurse **Code A** would ~~assist~~ assist ^{any further} me in the task I will have to carry out at the inquest beyond the evidence I already intend to hear.

However, I have asked the RCN to assist me by confirming the present state of Nurse **Code A**

- health before I make a final decision on the issue.

YF,



Coroner
Room T20
The Guildhall
The Guildhall Square
Portsmouth
Hampshire
PO1 2AJ

New Kings Court, Tollgate, Chandler's Ford
Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3LG

DX: 155850 Eastleigh 7

DDI: +44 (0) 2380 857329
T: +44 (0) 2380 908090
F: +44 (0) 844 620 3415
E: john.white@blaw.co.uk
www.blaw.co.uk

For the attention of Mr David Horsley

Our Ref: 558203/000001/JCW/RICHARD/S2D

Your Ref:

24 January 2013

Dear Sirs

David
Our Client: Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (Deceased) – Inquest

Further to the pre-inquest review on 12 December, we would be very grateful if you could provide information in relation to Nurse Brewer.

1. At the pre-inquest review there was debate as to whether Nurse Brewer would be able to attend in person. We were informed that she was in ill health. We would be grateful if you could indicate whether you have now heard whether or not Nurse Brewer will be attending the inquest in person.
2. We would be grateful if the Coroner could indicate whether he has a copy of Nurse Brewer's statement. If yes, it would be helpful to have a copy prior to the inquest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

John White
Blake Lapthorn

Horsley, David

From: Horsley, David
Sent: 05 February 2013 10:04
To: 'emma.davies@rcn.org.uk'
Subject: Inquest - Gladys Richards

Dear Ms Davies,

As you'll be aware, at the December pre-inquest meeting, Nurse Brewer was discussed and I mentioned my understanding was that her health was too poor to attend an Inquest. I heard this some time ago and recollect that it was information I received from the police.

As the RCN is representing the nurse witnesses who are attending the Inquest, please could you assist me by confirming the present state of Ms Brewer's health? If the lady is in poor health, I feel it might be better that such an enquiry comes from the RCN rather than the Coroner. I don't want to cause her any unnecessary stress but I'm going to need an answer so that I can settle the questions being asked of me by Mrs Mackenzie's lawyers.

Your help on this issue would be much appreciated.

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