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

For the attention of Mr David Horsley,

BY LETTER AND FAX
FAX NUMBER: Code A

20 September 2012

Dear Sirs

## Gladys Richards (Deceased) - Inquest

We write to update the Coroner and refer to the inquest hearing now listed for 31st October 2012.

As the Coroner is aware, we have been obtaining our own independent report from Professor Ferner, as to the cause of Mrs Richards' death. We have now received this report, which was, of course, prepared based upon the inquest documents including medical records which the Coroner has kindly provided.

Professor Ferner concludes that the drug prescribing regime and dehydration were significant causes in respect of Mrs Richards' death. This does differ from Professor Black's conclusions. We have therefore asked Professor Ferner to prepare comments on the differences between his conclusions and those of Professor Black and to provide reasons for those differences where possible.

We understand that the Coroner will be on leave for approximately two weeks. We would like to suggest that on his return we will have ready for him copies of:-

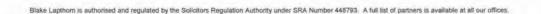
- 1. Our instructions to Professor Ferner;
- 2. Professor Ferner's report;
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In addition, we would like to make an exceptional request to the Coroner in respect of the pre-inquest hearing. As the Coroner will be aware, Mrs Gillian Mackenzie has been closely involved with her late mother's case for many years. In this particular instance, please could the Coroner give leave for Mrs Mackenzie to attend the pre-inquest hearing. Also in attendance will be Counsel, Mr James Meghan and Mr White from Blake Lapthorn, acting on her behalf.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

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Please see attached

Gladys Richards Deceased

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Hi

Lets try again!

Hopefully correct fax coming through

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