

Mr J White
Blake Lapthorn
New Kings Court
Tollgate
Chandler's Ford
Eastleigh
Hampshire SO53 3LG

Your Ref: 558203/000001/JCW/RICHARD/HP

3 February 2011

Dear Mr White

Inquest – Gladys Richards:

I am not sure if you are aware that I have recently received a number of emails direct from Mrs Mackenzie. I enclose copies of these emails for your information. I have not replied direct to her as you hold her instructions in this matter.

In past correspondence, I have endeavoured to set out the parameters of the Inquest I intend to conduct into the death of Mrs Richards. I shall want to hear evidence which will enable me to discharge the requirements of Rule 36 of the Coroners Rules and to reach a verdict that will comply with Rule 42 of those Rules.

I am somewhat concerned that your client, particularly in her email of 3 February seems to have a different impression of what the Inquest is about. I have highlighted two passages that concern me in particular. An inquest is not a trial and its verdict cannot purport to determine questions of civil liability or criminal liability of any named person for the death. Similarly, if there is any evidence that Mrs Mackenzie has to the effect that her mother was unlawfully killed, she should place that evidence before the police now and not hold it back for production at the Inquest hearing. Indeed, if she has any evidence that she considers should be put to the Inquest in order to assist me in what I have to do but has not yet revealed to me, then I should be provided with that evidence without delay. I should be most grateful if you could explain this to her.

Yours sincerely

David C Horsley

Tel:

Email: