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

19 January 2011

**Dear Sirs** 

## **Inquest – Gladys Richards:**

I refer to your letter of 8 December 2010. In response to the points you have made:

- 1. I should be obliged for a statement from Mrs O'Brien. If her evidence merely repeats what Mrs Mackenzie says, I am concerned that this will not assist the Inquest greatly. If, however, she is limiting her evidence to specific matters not witnessed by Mrs Mackenzie, I will give consideration to calling her as a witness
- 2. As regards Nurse Code A, do you have any evidence that she gave the injection to which you refer? It seems to me that establishing whether it was actually administered is more important to the Inquest than who gave it. No doubt you will make further submissions on this if you disagree.
- 3. I have in previous correspondence set out the parameters I am setting for the Inquest and my rationale behind them. I do not, therefore, consider it necessary to call police officers as witnesses.
- 4. If I consider a pre-Inquest meeting appropriate, I will endeavour to give reasonable notice to all interested persons and their representatives.
- 5. I am content to make the medical records which I consider germaine to the Inquest available to your client. These are quite lengthy and I will have to charge the full photocopying fees for them.

Yours faithfully

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