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

28 August 2009

Dear Sirs

Mrs G M Richards:

I refer to your letter of 24 August 2009 with enclosures.

I note from your letter that it is your intention to show at the Inquest that Mrs Richards was unlawfully killed. As you know, that is a very grave allegation which could lead to criminal consequences for those involved in Mrs Richards' care in the days leading up to her death.

If you consider that there is now evidence in existence to demonstrate the validity of that allegation, you should bring it to the attention of the police without delay.

In its determination of 20 August 2009, the General Medical Council refers to "... very considerable passage of time since the events in question, the inevitable dimming of memories over that period, (and) the equally inevitable unavailability of some witnesses" For this reason, if you consider that fresh evidence has now come to light that could bring the police to alter their previous conclusions regarding the circumstances of Mrs Richards' death, it is incumbent on you that you appraise the police of it at this stage without waiting for the Inquest hearing. If the police are to reconsider the matter, the factors referred to by the GMC militate towards reconsideration at the earliest opportunity. If you believe that evidence now exists to justify the criminal prosecution of persons in relation to the death of Mrs Richards, investigation

and possibly acting on the results must take precedence over my own investigation.

In the light of your letter, I can only advise you to lay your allegations fully before the police immediately. In anticipation of your doing so, I will be forwarding a copy of your letter, its enclosures and this my reply to the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary.

Yours faithfully

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cc Chief Constable, Hampshire Constabulary