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

Your Ref:

Dear Sirs

Our Client Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards (deceased) – Gosport War Memorial Hospital - Inquest

You may recall the investigation into the death of Gladys Richards (Deceased). We represent Mrs Gillian MacKenzie, the deceased's daughter. There is also another daughter, Mrs Lesley O'Brien, who may be in contact with you separately.

Of crucial importance is the role of Dr Barton who was in charge of the late Mrs Richards' care at the time of her death. Mrs MacKenzie is also concerned as to the administration of opiate drugs by Nurses Beade and Couchman. It is our intention to show that the late Mrs Richards was unlawfully killed.

The General Medical Council hearing into Dr Barton has now concluded its factual findings. In relation to professional misconduct, that aspect has unfortunately been adjourned until possibly January 2010.

We enclose for your information, copies of:-

- 1 Fitness to Practice Panel Hearing Charges;
- 2 Determination on Findings of Fact dated 20 August 2009.

We are pleased to be able to direct you to page 22 of document of 20 August 2009. Fortunately, this summarises the findings in respect of the late Mrs Richards. There are wider issues but reading into them is hindered by the need to keep cross-referencing the allegations. At the beginning of the document however is a useful summary in part 1, providing an overview of Dr Barton's clinical practices on pages 1 to 14.

The solicitors conducting the General Medical Council hearing were Field Fisher Waterhouse. Mrs MacKenzie believes that it is very important that we receive the transcript of the factual evidence given by Dr Barton and the above nurses in relation to the factual circumstances surrounding the late Mrs Richards' death. We would like to forward a copy of that transcript to you in due course and draw to your attention the relevant material.

We would be very grateful if you could indicate when you have undertaken your review in conjunction with the Police and will be in a position to provide disclosure.

We look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please ask to speak to John White.

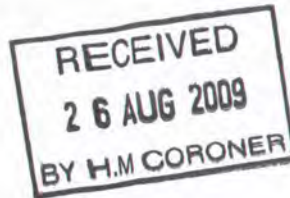
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