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Dear Sirs

**Inquest – Mrs Gladys Richards:**

I refer to your letter dated 22 August 2011. It is headed "G Ric – Inquest" but by that I assume you are referring to the Inquest of Mrs Gladys Richards.

Dr Ian Reid will be a witness at the Inquest hearing and will give evidence about his role in the care and treatment of Mrs Richards. I consider it essential that he is a witness who gives oral evidence.

I am calling Dr Black as an independent expert to give his opinion on the standard of care given to Mrs Richards. I am well aware that issues of simple clinical negligence are not matters for the Inquest but I am sure that you are equally aware that the question of whether neglect has played a part in her death is very relevant. Dr Black will give his opinion on that.

As regards any outstanding documentation that I propose to disclose to interested persons at the Inquest, I hope to be in a position to forward to those persons in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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