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**Code A**

Spoke today with Mrs RIPLEY.. Spouse of the only survivor in this case.. Her husband is well and is now 80yrs of age..

The RIPLEYS have asked through their solicitors Alexander Harris for disclosure of KCT notes to further civil litigation.

We have refused following advice from Counsel.

Mrs RIPLEY informed me that they have commissioned an independent expert a Dr NASH who on examination of the medical notes has informed them through A/A that the note taking was poor, effectively nothing in the five days prior to the withdrawal of RIPLEY from GWMH, AA have informed the RIPLEYS that they have no grounds for civil action against the health authority.

Mrs RIPLEY is sending me a copy of Dr NASH's report.

I have informed the RIPLEYS that whilst they are category 2, (which they accept) that as a survivor, that they may have evidence that could go ultimately towards a criminal prosecution as the investigation unfolds.

Given Mr RIPLEYS age and that at the moment they both enjoy good health (but are not getting any younger Mr RIPLEY is now 80) it would be appropriate to take a witness statement from them at this stage, as it will go to drug administration regimes etc. I am also cognizant that their evidence may either support or undermine the conduct of healthcare professionals involved in the care of Mr RIPLEY. Mrs RIPLEY further entered into a significant level of correspondence with Hospital management post events.

I am told that in essence Mr RIPLEY was incorrectly diagnosed as having suffered a stroke, was administered a high level of analgesia causing his health to diminish, and ultimately he was removed from care by his wife not expecting to survive. He recovered and survives to tell the tale.

Please hold this action until we have received a copy of Dr NASH's report.

Dick please raise the actions.

Thanks.DW.