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To: White, John
Subject: Gladys Mabel Richards - Gosport

John,

Sincere apologies for not responding sooner following receipt of your letter of 13th April caused by significant backlogs here.

Can you confirm if a date for the Inquest has been set yet and if so when?

I am making a recommendation but it is not clear from the costs information what rates are being applied and counsels rate is too high given that it is a short inquest of a few days rather than the 6 week Gosport Hospital inquests. I see the appropriate rate for counsel as a Brief fee of £2000 (inc first day) plus refreshers of £500 per day for second and third day.

On your costs the rates are in the LSC Manual Volume 3, Chapter 27, paragraph 27.6. I would allow the 50% uplift.

I am away from the office from midday on Friday 24th June returning on Monday 4th July.

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