

Client: Hampshire Primary Care Trust - 4007152-0002

Matter: Gosport Inquests (Joint Instruction)

Date of Attendance: 21 January 2009

Fee Earner: [REDACTED]

Briony returning my call at home to discuss PIH. She had seen the papers emailed to her.

- We both agreed that we can not make the Coroner conduct matters differently as long as the points have been made and noted. We should proceed on this basis.
- Agreed Coroner treating these inquests as fact finding hearings. Limited to facts surrounding the deaths of these patients. We discussed risks to Coroner of this approach and agreed Coroner really should take note of Rule 43
- [REDACTED] explained he was surprised by the failure of other interested parties to engage with the Coroner – particularly the MDU (for Dr Barton) and solicitors for two of the families present
- BB advised that we should approach the inquest on the way the Coroner has ordered and there is little more we can do. To do otherwise risks alienating the Coroner.
- Very little further work to be done from PHT's position. All we can do is get our position across subtly in a bundle to put before the coroner and in evidence during the hearing.
- [REDACTED] concerned other parties were not properly briefed on the matter and BB agreed that as they read the papers then urgent issues or question might come up in the week leading up to the hearing and during the hearing itself. We will simply have to deal with that as it arises.
- Agreed that it does not appear the PHT has much historic evidence and that might have to be supplied by PCT
- LH's table very helpful and must make every effort to get it included.

Action / Approach

Prepare bundle of docs which Coroner has agreed to accept. as per list discussed with counsel last week and to be finalised in con.

Consider instructing our own expert to review paperwork and advise on points for cross exam

Engaged: 4 units

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Time Recorder:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Date:	20 January 2009	Line 25, period 20/2009
Time:	0 hrs, 24 mins	
Activity:	CT	Consideration time

Time line attendance notes:

[Q/C] Considering work yet to be done to progress this file and reviewing bill to date and PIH to advice client on future billing