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To: Lucy Docherty; Margaret Scott

Subject: GWMH

Dear Lucy and Margaret

Further to my telephone conversation with Margaret on Wednesday and my email exchange with Lucy the same day, I confirm that I spoke to Gareth Cruddace yesterday.

I have informed Gareth that, since the advice about what should happen if the management investigation is not to proceed clearly involves both of your organisations as well as the Authority, and that I am currently acting for all three, I should provide any advice on the issues arising to all three organisations at the same time. Gareth acknowledges that this is the correct approach, and has said that the Authority is acutely aware of the fact that each of your organisations may have a different perspective on the possible options.

Gareth also tells me that the police view about whether the management investigation should proceed or not remains unclear - in one conversation on Wednesday apparently they indicated that it could proceed but in a further conversation yesterday they seemed to be going back on that position - but that they have promised to write to the Authority shortly setting out their position. As you know, Gareth is meeting with the CMO on Monday, and he has suggested to the CMO that they get the police along to that meeting. His intention is to update me after that meeting, and I know from my discussions with you that you will also be meeting with Gareth after the meeting to discuss the way forward.

On the assumption that by Monday the picture may be a little clearer, (since hopefully by then the promised letter from the police will have arrived and there will have been a discussion with the CMO), I suggest that I delay providing any detailed advice until then. I hope this meets with your approval but if you want to discuss it with me, then do please give me a ring.

Regards,

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