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Dear Lorna

Gladys Richards (deceased)

Thank you for your fax of yesterday. I write following our telephone conversation this morning. If neither Dr Barton or Mr Beed have ever been the subject of any complaints then I see no harm in advising Mr Burt that this is the position. However if either of them have been the subject of any previous complaints I do not consider that the Trust should provide Mr Burt with that information. **Code A** and **Code A** made serious allegations to the police relating to their late mother's care. The Trust and its staff have co-operated with the police with their enquiries. I can see no justification for providing the police with information about any entirely unrelated matters which have not been a subject of any complaint to police. Mr Burt now appears to be on a fishing expedition and as I indicated in my letter of 20 September 2000 it is not clear to me why the police inquiry is going in this direction.

If the Trust provided any such information it would raise not only issues of patient confidentiality but also Mr Beed would no doubt take the view that the Trust had breached mutual respect and confidentiality as between employer and employee.

Did Lesley Humphrey provide a witness statement to Mr Burt in this matter? If so it would be extremely helpful if you would kindly send me a copy as this will assist me if this police inquiry is to continue.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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