

Email Message

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Cc:
Sent: 03/09/2009 at 10:42
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Subject: RE: GWMH file note 20090824

Apologies for not responding to this email sooner, but we have had various discussions about the case.

We provided communications with full information, including the draft report to the PPC. I have not heard anything from them since this.

We agreed that we should not delay setting up a meeting with the Trust. In particular, we want to establish Ms [Code A](#)

I recommend that you should also contact the GMC to start to obtain information about their proceedings. We should request:

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 charge sheet
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 transcripts of hearings to date (subject to any administration costs, to be agreed by [Code A](#))
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 findings made to date
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 dates for resuming hearing

I hope that this is all right, but if there are any questions, please let me know.

Regards

Clare

Clare Strickland

Senior lawyer (hearings)

In-house legal team

[Code C](#)

From: [Code A](#)
Sent: 24 August 2009 09:17
To: Clare Strickland
Cc: [Code A](#); [Code A](#)
Subject: GWMH file note 20090824

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

This is a record of events last week relating to the above and a record of my telephone conversations on 21 April 2009.

GMC

The GMC's case was adjourned on Thursday, facts having been found proved. I spoke to Rachel Cooper, FFW ([Code A]) in Sarah Ellson's absence on Friday afternoon. She confirmed that the case has been relisted to the end of January 2010.

The GMC panel did not consider that it could make a decision on misconduct or sanction by the conclusion of the hearing time, 21 August 2009.

Rachel gave me a Trust contact name and telephone number: Liz Hatch - [Code A]. She explained that she had been the most helpful throughout her dealings with the case, although she could not confirm the address or name of the Trust she worked to.

Hampshire Community Health Care NHS Trust

You will recall that we agreed that I would set up a meeting with the Trust with [Code A] and I.

One of the difficulties I have had is knowing the current Trust that has employment responsibility for the registrants in this case. GWMH has connections with three Trusts.

Hampshire Community Health Care NHS Trust appears to have the most day-to-day responsibility of the running of the hospital. The director of Clinical Excellence and Delivery is Sue Harriman, working to Katrina Percy, Chief Executive (Designate).

I telephoned Ms Harriman's office on Friday afternoon. Her assistant, Wendy, explained that she was in a meeting with Katrina Percy until the afternoon and then would be in on annual leave until 1 September 2009. I left a message and asked her to telephone me if she became available that afternoon, but explained that I would be writing in due course.

During the course of the conversation, Wendy confirmed that Liz Hatch was an employee of the Trust. I had left a message for Ms Hatch earlier that afternoon.

No calls were returned from either Liz Hatch or Sue Harriman.

FYI, [Code A] is currently on annual leave. [Code A] confirms that she is likely to return to the office w/b 14 September.

Comm.s

[Code A] telephoned me on Friday afternoon. I confirmed that I was aware of the outcome of the GMC's proceedings and confirmed that our position remained the same: we were currently awaiting the conclusion of the GMC's proceedings. Adjournment had always been a likelihood.

It was put to me that we were "awaiting the big boys to finish". I explained that this was not the position and I was sorry that if this was the way this was being perceived. We had taken a strategic decision based on current proceedings by other organizations in relation to our own, but our proceedings but were entirely independent.

Later that afternoon, [Code A] received an email from [Code A] asking for approval of a statement to the Independent. [Code A] called me over and we agreed the safest form of words that doesn't deviate from the above. This exchange has been saved in TRIM.

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If possible, can we get together to agree a way forward in the light of events. I am in a meeting from 10:30 - 12:30 but am otherwise free all day.

Thanks

[Code A]