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Richard,

IN CONFIDENCE - can you think of a suitable person?

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Philip

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, I am writing to confirm that Medway PCT - supported by Kent & Medway SHA - need to recruit as a matter of urgency two GPs to conduct a clinical notes review of all the patients on the list of a single-handed GP in Medway who has until recently been providing services under GMS. There are approximately 2300 sets of records to be reviewed.

The background to this case is as follows:

Initial concerns about the practice of this GP were raised by the as yet unpublished independent inquiry report into the care & treatment of Michael Stone. (MS was convicted for the murders of Lin & Megan Russell.) The inquiry was chaired by Robert Francis QC.

Medway PCT took on the task of monitoring the performance of this GP last year and quickly identified a number of concerns.

The GP was referred to the NCAA who carried out an 'in practice' assessment on 27 August and provided an interim report to the PCT on 1 September.

On the basis of concerns about patient safety the GP has been suspended by the PCT and referred to the GMC. A locum is now covering the list.

The NCAA have recommended that the clinical notes of the GP's patients are now reviewed

The PCT's Medical Director is now in the process of devising a methodology for the review. Most importantly, the PCT need to identify two senior, experienced, credible GPs to carry out this review and work closely with both the PCT and the SHA in its conduct.

The reviewers will be paid for this work.

As you suggested, I would be very grateful if you would approach suitable people on our behalf. In the first instance I would propose that anyone who is interested makes contact with me. You will find my address and contact details at the end of this email. My mobile number is **Code A**

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Thank you for your assistance.

Best wishes

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