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Dear Dr Murnaghan

**ADAM STRAIN (DECEASED) - INQUEST**

Now that this case has been completed from the Inquest point of view, I felt it was appropriate to write to you to record my appreciation for the sterling help and assistance given at the hearing of this matter by Dr Gaston. The issues were extremely technical, as evidenced by the fact that on many critical issues, the experts appeared to adopt opposing views.

I trust that everyone involved was satisfied by the way in which matters progressed, and indeed, I believe it is not without note that the Coroner did not issue a recommendation in this case, which I believe was in a large part due to the fact that the Deponents gave their evidence in a fair, objective and professional manner and at the same time were alert and aware of those issues which might cause an erosion of public confidence.

I intend to close my Inquest file, however as you know the threat of litigation has already been mooted and I believe we need to meet to discuss the way in which the Trust intends to meet that challenge.

Yours sincerely

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