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Mr. H. Mullan,
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Dear Mr. Mullan,

PROPOSED ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS EXERCISE – LC CASE

Thank you for your letter of 20 May 2004 inviting me to participate in the Steering Group chaired by Ms. Jenny Irvine to oversee an internal review of the LC case using Root Cause Analysis.

I will attend the initial meeting of the Steering Group at which the Terms of Reference of the Group will be formally agreed. My participation in the exercise will, of course, be subject to the Board and myself being satisfied with the Terms of Reference and proposed working processes. In addition, if the Root Cause Analysis process is to be used, it is essential that the Group has a clear understanding and grasp of the process and is supported, in a detailed way, by the relevant expertise.

It would also be important, in line with the principle of independent analysis, that the Steering Group has control over the way the work of the group is conducted.

I hope this makes the Board's and my position clear and I look forward to the first meeting of the Steering Group.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Kelly (Mrs)
CHIEF NURSE