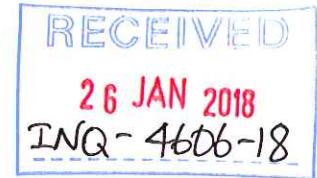


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Dear Judge

## WHISTLEBLOWING CORRESPONDENCE

I refer to your letter of yesterday seeking additional documents.

As you are aware legal professional privilege applies in relation to the correspondence between this Directorate and our client the Regional Health and Social Care Board.

I can advise you that I personally corresponded with the Board in relation to this whistleblowing investigation.

My client is prepared to waive privilege but only on condition that the correspondence is not disclosed to other parties.

Otherwise privilege will be claimed. I can advise you that on foot of your request I sought the views of senior counsel.

Please note this potential waiver of privilege relates solely to these documents, and does not extend to any documents generated during the course of the Inquiry, nor to any documents created hereafter.

It would be helpful if you could provide me with the identified areas of concern in order that my client may assist you by providing explanations, as required.

*Providing Support to Health and Social Care*



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alphy Maginness', written in a cursive style.

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