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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear Mr Gilliland

RE: RACHEL FERGUSON

Thank you for your letter of the 30th January together with the enclosed papers which made interesting reading.

Bearing in mind that you did not actually see Rachel at all during her stay in hospital I cannot see any special risk to yourself in this case although it is comforting to know that the Trust have (sensibly in my view) instructed solicitors and Counsel to be present to look after their employees.

Whilst I understand that you will be asked to attend as a witness I am not entirely sure that your evidence could be terribly extensive – my understanding is that you were not even contacted about the case at the time (please correct me if I am wrong).

On that basis I think it would be quite satisfactory for you to attend the Inquest and be represented by the Trust's legal adviser/barrister. If however there appears to be any conflict between yourself and other members of the Trust's staff that would be a different matter – please let me know if that arises.

Providing you are content with this arrangement I would be simply grateful if you would let me know the outcome of the Inquest in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Medico-Legal Adviser

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