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From: Ceri Floyd [redacted]
Sent: 25 Jan 2005 11:00
To: Jackie Smith [redacted]
Subject: FW: 2004/3139 - Six Doctors incl Dr Jenkins

Jackie

For info.

Ceri

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To: Matt Ball [redacted]
Subject: 2004/3139 - Six Doctors incl Dr Jenkins

Matt

to update you about this case.

We twice requested additional information from the complainants regarding their allegations in relation to each of the six doctors. This information has not been forthcoming and disclosure to the doctors has not yet occurred.

Since their first correspondence with us the complainants have engaged solicitors to act on their behalf.

The solicitors have asked for a copy of the entirety of our case file as well as details of our complaints procedures. Having consulted with Jackie Smith, we informed them that we only had their clients' original complaint letter and our subsequent letter detailing our procedures and requesting further information.

The solicitors have responded to our letter by reiterating their original request, stating that it is required for the Inquiry Chairman. As such we have sent the file to Julian Graves (Information Access) to determine what should be sent out.

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However, we have re-requested allegation details from the complainants in order that these can be considered upon completion of the public inquiry.

I hope this is helpful.

gards.

Ceri

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From: Jackie Smith [redacted]
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Ceri

Thanks.

I don't think it's as easy as the complainants solicitors indicate. We need to write back to them explaining that we would normally await the outcome of a public inquiry in these circumstances as information may come to light which would assist us with our investigations. Additionally, the doctors concerned may object to our proceedings running at the same time as the inquiry, another factor to take account of. Finally, they need to appreciate that we can't proceed in any event without the additional information. I suggest you discuss the letter with Andy and/or one of the lawyers. We shouldn't disclose anything as yet to the doctors.

Happy to discuss further if you wish when I'm in Manchester tomorrow.

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From: Ceri Floyd [redacted]
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Jackie

Further to my letter, I have received a response from the complainant's solicitors reiterating their original request for a copy of the entirety of our case file.

I have made enquiries about which documents should be forwarded to the solicitors and have been advised to forward the request and the file to Julian Graves (Information Access Team), which I plan to do today and will inform the solicitors accordingly.

The solicitors have also said they can see no reason why we cannot continue with our complaint process in tandem with the Inquiry.

However, they have not provided the additional detail (requested and urged) from the complainants in support of their complaint against the six doctors.

Should I still be seeking specific allegations from the complainants or just disclose the minimal information we have received thus far?

Grateful for your comments.

Thanks.

Ceri