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Dear Peter

***INVESTIGATION OF HOSPITAL DEATHS***

Thank you for your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo received on 1<sup>st</sup> instant. I am carefully considering the documentation, which had been sent to you and your colleagues from H M Coroner, and I will write to you in further detail shortly.

At first blush I would not be convinced that the Trust's Legal Advisors would necessarily have a quiescent involvement in relation to these cases. Firstly, one cannot with any degree of certainty indicate that all Doctors retain Professional Insurers or indeed whether the Professional Insurer would not wish to apply resources to deal with these particular issues and would probably suggest that the matter should be covered within the compass of Crown Indemnity Provisions.

In any event I will study the document more closely and I would hope to have substantive advice to you within the course of the next 5-7 days. I trust this meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely

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