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Adrian Walker and Jim Peart, Social Services, Easton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1NH
CC: MPs David Lidington, Adam Afriye, Cheryl Gillan. House of Commons.
CC: Hilda Ruzane, Larkland House Nursing Home, London Rd, Ascot, SL5 7EG.
CC: Fidelma Tinneney, St David's Nursing Home, Ascot Priory, Priory Road, Ascot, SL5 8RS
CC: Trevor Saunders, c/o Chiltern Court Nursing Home, Aylesbury Road, Wendover, Bucks, HP22 6BD
Others at the discretion of those above, including Trevor's friends and family.

Dear Mr Walker and Mr Peart,

Trevor Saunders

I refer to the 'phone call to me from Jim Peart at 1200 Monday 3rd December, in which Jim made it clear that you would not transfer Trevor Saunders from Chiltern Court to Larkland House, a nursing home of his choice nearer to Bracknell, before I supplied information related to means testing of Trevor. Furthermore, Jim refused to discuss the transfer from Chiltern Court before discussing this. Your behaviour is completely unacceptable.

My hope is that Adrian Walker has not had his instructions carried out correctly by Jim Peart. Adrian remains the senior person in Social Services dealing with Trevor, since he attended a case meeting on 21st May 2007 at Amersham Hospital weeks before Trevor's discharge.

I expect Trevor to be moved to Larkland House, contracted by yourselves, on 10th December 2007. Please speak with Hilda Ruzane. After you have done this, I will be happy to discuss the subject of Trevor's savings - as I indicated in my letter of 16th November. However, your behaviour in this matter means that, before giving you further information to assist your means-testing of Trevor, I will require to audit all information you hold relating to Trevor. This includes mention in internal memoranda and all forms and correspondence exchanged between yourselves and the NHS relating to Trevor.

As you will already know, Fidelma of St David's visited Trevor to assess his care needs and found them to be more than those indicated by your own care plan for Trevor, and more than those of Pam Coughlan. Luckily we were able to find room G12 at Larkland House, and Trevor was assessed by Hilda on Friday 30th November. She called Jim's office on Monday morning, 3rd December and tried to contact Jim. It was shortly after that call that Jim made his 'phone call to me. I am confident that Jim Peart was making this call with guidance from Adrian Walker. Please respond to calls from Hilda Ruzane.


I hope others will look more closely into how you handle cases such as Trevor's, and any possible conflict of interest between other work conducted by Adrian Walker for the NHS. You have refused all offers of help for months, repeatedly claiming "patient confidentiality" as the reason for not providing us with simple information - such as your decision not to appeal for Continuing Care (CC) while Trevor was still within Amersham Hospital. Your involvement in arranging discharge from Heberden Ward and transfer to Chiltern Court was against Trevor's wishes, those of his friends, and directly against his best interests. All involved with Trevor's case, both in the NHS and Bucks Social Services were made fully aware of the relevant legal background - "Coughlan" and www.nhs.uk. If you had chosen to accept the recommendation of Barbara Johnson, Trevor's Care Worker at that time, you would have appealed for CC, Trevor would have remained in the ward, receiving further therapy, and I am confident that by now he would be in a higher standard of Care Home, fully funded by the NHS and in a better state of health than he is now. The past letters provide relevant background.

I had hoped that the help of MPs would not be needed for Trevor. However, following your behaviour in arranging discharge of Trevor from Amersham Hospital to Chiltern Court, against our wishes and Trevor's best interests, I saw fit to keep David Lidington, MP and Cheryl Gillan, MP fully briefed. David's constituency covers Chiltern Court and Cheryl's Amersham Hospital. I spoke with Adam Afriye, MP on the subject of "Coughlan" before his election, and I include him now. Adam is my MP and his constituency includes Larkland House, where we hope Trevor will soon be placed. I expect to raise a suitably documented claim for Continuing Care soon, and this will be to the relevant staff in the NHS, since Social Services need not now be involved. If the claim succeeds this will enable Social Services to reclaim the cost of Chiltern Court resulting from your actions - for which I hold you personally accountable.

Local rate-payers should not be paying for care that the law demands be paid by the NHS.

I look forward to your response to this letter.

Yours Sincerely,


Robin Lovelock