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8th November 2012

Dear Mr Mery,

RE: Your Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 30th October 2012. You referred to a news article published on the News Shopper website in relation the incident that took place at River House, Bethlem Royal Hospital on 1 October 2012. You requested the investigation report of this incident under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Although there were no injuries to patients or staff in this incident, it was agreed that an independent investigation would be commissioned to help ensure a thorough understanding of what happened and how such incidents could be prevented in the future. The investigation is being undertaken by a retired Director of Nursing, a forensic psychiatrist and a senior nurse with experience of security management.

As the investigation has not been completed, we do not have the report, and do not expect to receive and ratify the independent report until the New Year. Until the report has been received and ratified, we are unable to assess any exemptions that may apply to the contents of the final report.

Upon receipt of the investigation report, the Trust will take advice on how and in what form the findings of the investigation will be shared with individuals and bodies external to the Trust.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toyin Kazeem', is centered below the closing. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Toyin Kazeem
Information Governance Assurance Officer