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Dear Mr Thackeray

I refer to your e-mail of 23 March 2010 in which you ask for copies of papers in connection with the Sub-Group of the Fitness to Practise Committee which met on 16 June 2004 to consider concerns that had been raised about Mr Christopher Brightmore, a lay panellist.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) I can confirm that we do not hold any minutes or transcript of the Sub-Group's meeting. We do, however, hold the enclosed paper in respect of this meeting.

I hope that this is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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Sub Group of the Fitness to Practise Committee established to consider concerns raised about Mr Christopher Brightmore, a lay panellist

The Very Reverend Forbes, Chairman
Mrs Camm
Professor Drife
Mr Slack
Dr Terry

1. The Sub Group will meet on 16 June 2004 in room 4C of the Council Offices at 178 Great Portland Street, London W1W 5JE.
2. The Sub Group will consider whether, in the light of the information received about Mr Brightmore:
 - a. any action is required;
 - b. the concerns raised can be dealt with by remedial action. If so, the Sub Group must agree the remedial action required, the period over which it is to be carried out and the mechanism for assessing whether the concerns raised have been resolved;
 - c. Mr Brightmore should continue to be empanelled to sit on fitness to practise committees if the concerns raised cannot be addressed by remedial action, or if he refuses to undergo remedial action.
3. A bundle of relevant documents is attached. The bundle includes, at pages 6-8, a copy of the procedures for dealing with concerns about panellists. It does not include the Foster Report referred to at pages 28 and 29 of the bundle but a copy will be available on 16 June 2004 should any member of the Sub Group wish to refer to it. The bundle does, however include, at pages 61-68 copies pages from the Citizens Commission on Human Rights website, explaining what it is, what it does etc.
4. In accordance with the procedures for dealing with concerns about panellists, Mr Brightmore has been invited to attend the meeting and has confirmed, by telephone, that he will be present. A copy of this note and the attached bundle has been sent to Mr Brightmore.

Bundle of papers relating to Mr Christopher Brightmore

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