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Subject: SECCOR/34/2013 - [REDACTED] - Procurement Board Assurance

Dear Mr Pengelly,

I refer to the letter of the 12th June 2014 from your predecessor [REDACTED]. In his letter he stated:

"The meeting was assured that DHSSPS and those charged with investigating your case are committed to bringing matters to a conclusion".

The dictionary defines "conclusion" as the end, the close, or the resolution. Three months have now elapsed since the assurance was accepted without question by the Procurement Board, and all we have witnessed is more back covering and defensiveness from every level.

The new Chair of the Belfast Health HSC Trust hasn't even replied to my letter of the 28th July 2014, when I stated that he himself had been "stitched up" by his own Executive Directors and Non Executive Directors. His silence surely proves my point.

The Procurement Board dismissed the recommendation for an Independent Supplier's Ombudsman in the Review of Public Procurement, and cannot therefore perform a hand washing exercise on this matter. An assurance given by the Deputy Secretary [REDACTED] to a meeting of Permanent Secretaries in the NICS seems to be of little or no value. I would be grateful if you could convince me otherwise.

Yours sincerely,

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