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Dear Mr Paxton

Professor Sam Eljamel
GMC No: 3444935

Following up our recent conversation with regard to this doctor within NHS Tayside, who has been suspended within the last two weeks. The suspension follows an external review conducted by the Royal College of Surgeons in England. I have enclosed a copy of the report along with the documentation NHS Tayside submitted to the review team.

You will see they have raised concerns with regard to both probity and ongoing issues with wrong site surgery.

We are in the process of reviewing Professor Eljamel's spinal surgery cases with a view to deciding whether or not there are further wrong level surgeries that have not as yet been identified. There are 150 patients in the cohort that we believe to be at high risk. These are patients with spinal surgery and who are also attending the local pain service. This initial audit will be completed early in the New Year and we will update on the outcome of that as soon as it is available.

We would be keen not to duplicate any investigatory processes and would value your thoughts as to how you would wish proceed.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Dr Andrew Russell
Medical Director

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Professor Sam Eljamel



Date 23 December 2013
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Dear Professor Eljamel

I am writing with regard to the recent report commissioned from the Royal College of Surgeons in England by NHS Tayside. In the recommendations the Royal College stated that the Board should have an early discussion with the local GMC advisor regarding the extent to which the GMC would wish to have involvement.

I can confirm that I have now had that discussion. The outcome of the meeting was that NHS Tayside would make an formal referral to the GMC and I am writing to advise you that I have now made that referral.

I am sorry for the inevitable distress that this will cause you. I am aware the Dr Alan Cook, Operational Medical Director is your point within the organisation and I will make him aware of these circumstances. He will be in a position to support you as you feel appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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