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Cc: DAC Beachcroft

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Dear Dr Jenkins,

URGENT - *Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust v MSP [2020] EWCOP 26*

Please find attached copies of letters we have sent today to the Justice Secretary and to the Official Solicitor.

We appreciate you will wish to consider the contents of those letters with your solicitors, to whom we are sending a copy of this letter. However, as the Trust is represented by a large international firm, and given the urgency of the matter, we hope you will excuse us for writing to you directly.

As you will see from the attached, we are very concerned about the recently published judgment in the above-mentioned case. You will also see what steps we are asking the Justice Secretary and the Official Solicitor to take.

In the meantime, we are making the following requests to the Trust:

Firstly, please delay the withdrawal of treatment from MSP until the Justice Secretary and the Official Solicitor have responded to us. As you will see from the enclosed letters, there is a strong argument to the effect that the decision to withdraw treatment is erroneous. It would be tragic if MSP loses his life before that error is corrected.

Secondly, we note that the Trust took a 'neutral' position in relation to the case in Court, and that there were different opinions among doctors who have treated MSP. This being so, we make the same request to the Trust as we made to the Official Solicitor: please lodge an appeal against the judgment of Hayden J. Whether or not you agree with the judge's conclusions, given the sensitive ethical issues involved and that a patient's life is at stake, it is certainly appropriate for this case to be reviewed by the Court of Appeal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Andrea Williams

Chief Executive