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Re: Complaint from Dr Chris Day regarding Capsticks, Hill Dickinson & BMA Legal

Dear Mr Philip,

I am an NHS hospital Consultant and an elected member of BMA UK Council. I am writing to you in a personal capacity. I am a supporter of Dr Chris Day and have donated to his Crowdfund. I have been following his legal case with interest for a number of years now.

I have been sent a letter dated 31st August 2020 to the Solicitors Regulation Authority from Dr Chris Day, referring to 3 investigations being conducted by the SRA into Capsticks, Hill Dickinson and BMA Legal. I have also been sent a letter from Sir Norman Lamb dated 12th October 2020 to the SRA. I enclose both with this letter. I note Sir Norman Lamb's letter with particular interest as he is a former health minister and employment lawyer.

I am shocked by the content of Dr Day's letter, and yet even more troubled by that of Sir Norman Lamb. Sir Norman states that "the SRA's investigation of the complaints has been superficial, inadequate and incomplete", and that it "beggars belief that the SRA finds no wrongdoing".

Given the content of Dr Day's letter, I agree with Sir Norman Lamb's analysis in particular where he says that for the SRA to find no wrongdoing beggars belief.

As an NHS Consultant I rely on lawyers acting for the NHS and for the BMA to be honest, and when this is not the case, I expect their regulator to take action. This has important ramifications extending into patient safety and public confidence. I am minded to draw your attention Sir Norman's words where he says "I am absolutely clear that this is an important test for the SRA..."

Please can you confirm that these investigations will be fully reviewed, and which firm of solicitors and counsel are assisting you with this.

I am sending this letter to my MP.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Sebastian Hormaeche

