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Cc: KELLY, Alison (COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)
Subject: Formal enquiry from the Nursing & Midwifery Council

Importance: High

Dear Detective Inspector Hughes,

My name is Kristian Garsed, and I am the Regulation Adviser for Wales, North West England and the Isle of Man at the Nursing & Midwifery Council (the NMC).

A key aspect of my role is to provide, on behalf of the NMC, regulatory advice, information and support to the Chief Nurses / Directors of Nursing / Heads of Midwifery in the NHS in those regions, which includes liaising with Alison Kelly, Director of Nursing and Quality at the Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust), who has provided me with your email address.

As you are likely aware, the NMC is the statutory regulator for nurses and midwives in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Our statutory responsibilities include an obligation to protect the public by investigating and if necessary taking action in respect of the registration of nurses and midwives who may have fallen short of our standards of practice and behaviour, and whose fitness to practise as nurses or midwives may be impaired. This may include the immediate imposition of interim orders restricting or suspending a nurse or midwife's registration, whilst such investigations take place.

I am writing to you this morning as I am aware that you are the Senior Investigating Officer for Cheshire Constabulary in charge of the investigation which has involved the arrest of a registered nurse yesterday (03.07.18) on suspicion of murder and attempted murder. Following the media reports of this event yesterday I spoke with Alison Kelly, and have advised her that a referral to the NMC must now be made urgently by the Trust in respect of that individual. We are expecting to receive that referral during the course of today.

Since the news of the arrest of a healthcare professional was first reported we have been receiving a high volume of media and public enquiries. To assist us in responding appropriately to those enquiries, taking account of the active criminal investigation, and in making our early decisions upon receipt of the referral which is anticipated, including decisions about potentially seeking the imposition of an interim order, I would be very grateful if you could please respond to my following queries:

1. Could you please provide a direct line telephone number which we can use to contact you on?
2. Are you able to indicate if there are likely to be any further arrests of any NMC registrants?
3. Is it anticipated that the registered nurse arrested yesterday will in due course be charged with any criminal offences, and if so do you have an estimate of when she may be charged and for which offences?
4. Could you please confirm the reasons for describing the individual arrested yesterday as a 'healthcare professional' rather than as a registered nurse? The name and status of the individual as a registered nurse of the person arrested yesterday, have been widely reported yesterday evening and this morning in a range of media and we are expecting to be facing further enquiries today and beyond, about our role and involvement in this matter. That being so it would be helpful to understand why it was considered important to refer to them only as a healthcare professional and if this choice of description is to be continued as it does seem now that

there is no prospect of protecting the identity of the person, or the information about her status as a registered nurse and her role at the Trust.

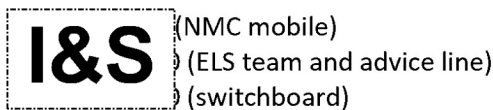
I look forward to hearing from you as soon as you are able to respond. Please contact me by email reply, or on the mobile telephone number in the contact details below.

Many thanks,

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