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1. Deputy District Judge Starke
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2. Court Manager
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3. Mrs Melinda Stone
Medico-legal Services Manager
Brighton and Sussex University Hospital
NHS Trust

Dear Sirs/Mesdames

Bennett v Brighton and Sussex University Hospital NHS Trust
Claim Number 7BN01851

I acknowledge receipt of the letter dated 9 August 2007 from Deputy District Judge Starke. I have already acknowledged this letter by telephone and in that conversation I was informed that a few days after 6 September 2007, the Judge would want to know what the parties are doing. I have had a letter from Mrs Melinda Stone of the Trust and she is willing for us to send a joint letter to the Court. There is not enough time for us to do this so I am writing this letter with a copy to Mrs Stone. I am sure she will agree with my proposal.

I am hopeful that we can reach agreement on the problems concerning induction loops/infra-red systems in the Board Rooms that drove me to initiate this case in the first place. I wish to avoid taxpayers' money and mine being wasted. As Mrs Stone is going on holiday from 11 September 2007 and I am out of the country from 20 September until about 9 October 2007 I

request that we all kick this matter into the long grass until late October 2007. I therefore request that the hearing be shunted forward to a day in mid-November in 2007 by which time I hope that we will have reached an agreement that in fact avoids a Court hearing. The problem from my point of view is the Mrs Stone at present seems to restrict herself to provisions that the Trust claims to make for hearing-impaired people. I am more concerned with the reality. I am therefore eager to go and discuss practical issues with the staff at the coal-face.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Mrs Stone and it may be that she will telephone the Court to confirm her agreement with this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Colin B. Bennett