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by Hand

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

Dear Sir or Madam

You will have received the letter dated 6 February from Mrs Melinda Stone of the Trust.

I have replied to that letter and I attach a copy of my letter dated 10 February 2008.

Mrs Stone has mentioned in her letter an offer of settlement and I suppose that this is a mistake. I took good care that any such points made under the heading "Without prejudice" in letters from the Trust were excised from versions of these letters that I put onto my blog. I am quite happy for you not to "see" the offer and to remove it from your mind. However, as Mrs Stone has mentioned her offer I will use this opportunity to emphasize that I am not taking this action for any reason other than to improve the service that the Trust gives to disabled people, particularly those with hearing problems. Please note what Mrs Stone has written about possibly extending the Particulars of Claim. The reason I mentioned my experiences of 5 November 2007 in the form of a witness statement was to explain why I thought that regrettably litigation must ensue as even after the behaviour of 12 February 2007 and 8 May 2007 the Trust simply will not act as it should.

It seems that the next step will be a Case Management Conference. If necessary, I will complete any document necessary to extend my Particulars of Claim.

When fixing the date of that Conference, I request that the dates of 12 and 19 March 2008 be avoided. I have several days in April that should be avoided but I do hope that the Conference will be held in late February or in March.

Yours Sincerely

Colin B Bennett
cc Mrs Melinda Stone