

20 January 2015

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Dear Professor Colquhoun

I write in response to your letter of 29 December 2014.

As you are aware, the death of Professor Grimm is the subject of an inquest. The College will continue to provide the coroner with all the assistance it can, and will not be responding to external commentary. The College has also commissioned a review of College policies and procedures relating to performance management and the support available to staff involved in such procedures. I am satisfied with the actions being taken by the College at this time.

We respect the opportunity available to all to comment on these matters, but regard some of your comments as having crossed the line of what is reasonable or appropriate. I would ask that any future comments about individuals remain professional rather than personal and reporting of the matter is done responsibly and sensitively, and with regard to the Samaritans' Media Guidelines for Reporting Suicide (attached).

Our thoughts remain with the family and colleagues of Professor Grimm.

Yours sincerely



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