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To	Professor Cliff Hardcastle, Deputy Vice Chancellor
From	Dr Tony Chapman, Assistant Dean (Enterprise)
Date	24th October 2007-08-24
Cc	Dr Barry Doyle, Liz Barnes, Barbara McGuinness Mary Thomson

Dear Cliff

Re: APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK HOLFORD AS VISITING PROFESSOR

I have asked our administrative staff to electronically search minutes from School Policy Committee, School Research Committee and Social Futures Institute Management Board and no reference to the proposal of Patrick Holford's visiting professorship has been located.

There is more extensive memoranda on the proposed link between Brain Bio Centre and the Cactus Clinic which I have copied for your perusal. While negotiations are ongoing about linkages between the two organisations and a possibility of establishing a second Brain Bio Centre at Teesside, nothing is agreed.

These memoranda signal doubts about the economic viability of such an association. Worries have also been expressed about proposed evaluation of this intervention (especially so if such an evaluation was construed as lacking proper independence from the intervention teams) as this may have a reputational impact on the School.

At the meeting on 7th July 2007, Dave Woodhouse reported that the Food for the Brain Foundation wished to make a bursary payment of £12,500 for a PhD student to pursue research in this area. We have checked our finances in the School and confirm that this bursary has not yet been paid. In any case, the criteria for accepting the bursary has not been agreed pending further questions on costs.

I have written a short letter to Patrick Holford asking him to change the way he refers to his visiting professorship on his website and in his dealings with the press. A copy of this letter is attached to this memorandum.

I am on leave next week, but have briefed other members of the Deanery by email of the situation, so that the issue can be picked up if required.

I hope this helps

Tony