

ltr to carelink re katie foster 7.4.04

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Dear Elizabeth,

**Re: Katie Foster**

Since speaking to you this morning, I have spoken with Richard Leder, who coincidentally tells me that he has today received Statements of Claim for Emma, Katie and the younger sister, and also for each of the parents.

Having discussed the matter with Richard, I confirm my advice that in the circumstances you should continue to pay, on the normal basis, the accounts rendered in respect of the treatment of Emma and Katie. In the event of a settlement or Court Order, the payments will be credited. If there is a failure or discontinuance of the Court proceedings, Emma and Katie remain entitled in my view to be compensated and indemnified by Carelink.

One must ponder the thought processes, stresses and strains that are within that family. I have forwarded a copy of this letter to Richard Leder.

Yours sincerely,



Peter O'Callaghan  
Independent Commissioner

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