
Inquiry Report recommendation

The recently published Report of the Inquiry into the care and treatment of Christopher Edwards and Richard Linford has been reviewed within the College. The Executive and Finance Committee wishes to draw attention to the following recommendation contained within the Report:

"The Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Association of Police Surgeons, and the medical defence organisations, should promote as good practice the making of a written note by a medical practitioner whenever he or she is asked to express a clinical view on the medical condition of a prisoner, even if it is expressed in a

telephone call. The note, or an equivalent, should then be forwarded to the referring source."

Reference

NORTH ESSEX HEALTH AUTHORITY, ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL & HM PRISON SERVICE (1998) *Report of the Inquiry into the Care and Treatment of Christopher Edwards and Richard Linford*. Witham: North Essex Health Authority.

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