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Dear Ms Lovell

I refer to your e-mail of 9 November 2010 in relation to the late Mr Tamburrini's GP records. I enclose copy letter from Ms Bernadette Sharkey dated 11 November 2009 confirming the position in relation to the destruction of Mr Tamburrini's GP records.

In relation to the Summary Document pertaining to Mr Tamburrini's GP records, I have been advised by Ms Sharkey of Practitioner Services that the protocol is that when a patient dies, Practitioner Services request the medical records from the deceased patient's GP. At that time the GP practice would print off the Summary and place the same inside the medical records. Mr Tamburrini died on 17 November 2004. The Summary Document would appear to have been printed on 6 January 2005 (see bottom of page of Summary Document). The medical records were returned to Practitioner Services on 14 January 2005. At some point they would have been sent, upon request, to the Procurator Fiscal's Office, and when returned, no request having been made by the Procurator Fiscal that the records be retained, they were confidentiality destroyed in accordance with policy.

I trust that this is satisfactory for your purposes. Should you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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