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Dear Mr Young

10 May 2022

Re Dr Helen Joyce

Thank you for your letter to Matthew Shaw of 30 March 2022. I am the Company Secretary for Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (“GOSH”) and I have been asked to reply on Mr Shaw’s behalf.

Whilst I note that you state you write on behalf of Dr Joyce, it is not clear from your letter the basis on which you are doing so. I understand that you are not a firm of solicitors appointed by Dr Joyce and you will be aware that I would need to have Dr Joyce’s explicit authority for us to communicate with you in relation to any matter affecting her. Under those circumstances, I hope you understand that it would not be appropriate for us to engage with you.

In regard to any legal claim which Dr Joyce may consider she has, we would expect a claim to be particularised clearly and fully in a letter from Dr Joyce herself or her legal advisers.

In your letter you indicate that the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Psychiatrists’ Conference which was due to take place on 16 March 2022 (“the Conference”) was organised and run by GOSH and that GOSH was responsible for the decision to cancel the conference and any decisions about Dr Joyce’s participation in the Conference. This is not the case - the Conference is one of a series of events organised by psychiatry trainees across London and sponsored by Health Education England. GOSH was not responsible for any of the decisions criticised in your letter.

For the avoidance of doubt, GOSH denies any legal liability to Dr Joyce, whether on the basis set out in your letter or at all.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Anna Ferrant
Company Secretary