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Dear Ms Turnbull

The Penrose Inquiry Hepatitis C **Recovery of General Practitioner Records** 

I refer to your letter seeking sight of the GP casenotes pertaining to the late Mr Victor Tamburrini, Mr Neil Mullen and Mrs Eileen O'Hara.

I regret to advise you that under the Terms of the "Guidance of the Retention and Destruction of Health Records" issued by the Scottish Office to Health Boards outlining the timescales for retention of GP records, since more than three years have elapsed I can confirm that Mr Neil Mullen's records were confidentially destroyed on 25/01/2007 and because Mr Victor Tamburrini's were with the Procurator Fiscal didn't get confidentially destroyed until 16/06/2009.

I have enclosed the NHS GP records for Mrs Eileen O'Hara. This file hadn't been destroyed because a second party had access.

If we can be of further help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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