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**To:** <RThompson@gov.nl.ca>  
**Date:** 10/29/2007 12:40:24 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Letter to Sue Gillam

Free at 2:00 is that okay?

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Thompson <RThompson@gov.nl.ca>  
To: Don MacDonald <donm@nlchi.nl.ca>  
Sent: Mon Oct 29 12:35:36 2007  
Subject: Re: Letter to Sue Gillam

Thks. I may need to chat before then. Are you around?

RT

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From: "Don MacDonald" <donm@nlchi.nl.ca>  
To: Robert Thompson <RThompson@gov.nl.ca>  
Creation Date: 10/29 12:28 pm  
Subject: Re: Letter to Sue Gillam

Lists will be ready by 3:00, hopefully sooner

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Thompson <RThompson@gov.nl.ca>  
To: Don MacDonald <donm@nlchi.nl.ca>  
Sent: Mon Oct 29 09:37:29 2007  
Subject: Letter to Sue Gillam

Please review and comment. I will provide you with the lists later.

Susan Gillam

Re: ER/PR Cases - Confidential

I am soliciting your assistance regarding patients who had original ER/PR tests between 1997 and 2005 in the Western region. Your organization has already sent case information to NLCHI as part of the ER/PR database which it is developing for the Department.

1. List One (attached)

This list contains patients who were identified by Western RHA to NLCHI as having negative ER/PR results (from the Eastern Health laboratory) between 1997 and 2005 and also sent for re-testing in 2005/06. NLCHI has been unable to find information within Eastern Health information systems or in a separate data file provided by Mount Sinai Hospital to verify that these cases have been re-tested. Therefore, we ask that you

determine from your own information systems or files whether you can verify that these cases have been re-tested.

If so, please forward to us the following information on each case: date retested, place re-tested, ER/PR score/result and a verification that the patient/family was contacted with the result. NLCHI will contact your organization if any additional information beyond these items will be necessary.

If any cases have not been re-tested, please inform us on a case by case basis if there was a valid reason that a re-test was not requested.

If there are cases for which re-testing should have been completed (including deceased cases), please take the necessary action to forward these cases as consults to Mount Sinai Hospital as soon as possible. You should also prepare to communicate with the patients/families regarding these new re-tests and we would be pleased to discuss with you

the timing and approach that might be taken.

2. List Two (attached)

This list contains patients which we have verified as being re-tested at Mount Sinai Hospital, but are included on Eastern Health's August 1, 2007 spreadsheet. Therefore, while we are confident that a re-test was done, we do not know whether the patients/families have been contacted regarding the outcome of the re-tests. Therefore, we ask that

you determine from your records whether these patients were contacted by

Western RHA after the re-test results were provided to you. If so, please let us know, on a case by case basis, the date on which the patient/family was contacted. If not, please explain why these patients/families were not contacted.

Thank you for your cooperation. Given the urgency of this matter, we would appreciate knowing the results of your review by Wednesday, October 31. If not possible by that date, please call me so we can discuss a schedule.

RT

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