Lamb Chiropractic Clinic

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Dear Rosalyn,

I believe I should start with a detailed chronology of events, since my first letter to Mr Howell (Regulator 2).

By this stage I had already been involved with this case study for nearly 2 years. As the child's chiropractor and mentor, building up a bond of trust, I was with him for visits to the Council, police, medics, solicitors, courts, schools, Social Services, CAMs, etc, etc. This is all well chronicled by the mother who has every bit of paperwork she could get hold of (Freedom of Information Act) and of course all paperwork since. Several large plastic boxes full in fact, tens of thousands of pages, all clearly showing that the child was not thriving, and at risk. All of the professionals were working on the wrong diagnosis and poor assumptions. I have read minutes of meetings which just do not reflect what was said and decided upon.

I have had conversations with professionals who have no clinical understanding and who would not listen to a clinician who is expert in this area, so on and so on, year after year. Even when finally diagnosed by an NHS, nothing has changed, in fact it would seem that since the child's 18th birthday (and the year preceding it) their only intention was to throw him out of the system, and to save money and their reputation.

Anyhow, I digress. Once Mr Howell said that he was involving the GCC I kept him informed as the child's diagnosis was systematically down-graded by Social Services. The child was not treated suitably at his placement, including restraint which had been a thread throughout his life at different times and locations. This was clearly not suitable for an autistic child with post-traumatic stress, yet due to the erosion of his diagnosis it happened several times even to the point where the placement would not talk to me or the mother. The child put in a complaint to Ofsted, and won. Obviously the child had had enough, but it finished his placement, and Social Services took control from the mother even though the court had said the opposite. I did send the judgement and ruling to your predecessor. I had been tied up in a fraudulent case for some time before I chased up the GCC to see what had been happening, adding fraud to the equation. This then ran into my CPD year, as the GCC and BCA had not fulfilled their legal requirements (in my opinion) on the subject of diagnosis and referral, advancement of the profession, and duty of care for us and our patients. This is all well-documented.

The second year of the CPD refusal and my complaints should be available to you, on my patient's website. So here we are. Many questions and no real answers. If the solicitors have to get involved I will be able to get all the missing paperwork so I can finish off my jigsaw. Hopefully this can be avoided as the BCA and GCC insurance would probably be null and void due to potential criminality. As such it would get very personal. That would of course be down to my chiropractic patient. No win, no fee has apparently taken the place of Legal Aid.

I also believe that I have a strong case with both trading and advertising standards as an experiment to see if you are handled any different to us. The permutations are endless, yet they should not be. This should have been sorted out six and a half years ago and saved a child from going through what he has had to go through.

My family has run an ethical family practice since 1939, and expect the same from you. All I need to know is are you part of the problem or part of the solution?

Hopefully I will respond to your letter by the weekend. It is possible that your letter will show a conflict of interest. Maybe a judge (review or inquiry) and/or the police should be involved, what would you say?

I do understand your predicament, obviously everything Howell touched would have to be double-checked, for example the new Chiropractic Act, and looking back at the pure incompetence of a bully, as in Regulator No.1, etc. You could look on the bright side; it could herald the end of suffering for tens of thousands of children whose lives have not gone well in adulthood as well as in childhood.

Yours Sincerely,

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