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Dear Mr Gilliat

Your complaint about Lord Professor Winston

Thank you for your correspondence about the above doctor.

I have given careful consideration to your letters and have reviewed your previous case against Lord Winston.

I understand you initially complained to the GMC in 1991 and again in 2000 raising your concerns about comments made by Lord Winston in a television programme. We wrote to you on 20 April 2001 to confirm that no action decisions made by a screener or the Preliminary Proceedings Committee are final, subject to rule 14 and your complaint could not therefore be re-opened.

I have taken further legal advice following your recent correspondence and confirm that our position is unchanged and we would reiterate the comments made in our letter of 20 April 2001. The correspondence you have now submitted raises substantially the same issues as raised in your previous complaints and we therefore are unable to re-consider this matter.

I also note that you settled your claim for defamation by consent out of court on 3 May 2000 when the Defendants paid you the sum of £45,000 in full and final settlement. The consent order also includes an agreed statement which was read out in open court confirming,

'It was not Lord Winston's intention to make any comments about Dr Glatt and he genuinely regrets any contrary impression that was given in the programme.'

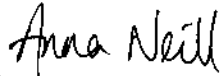
The programme makers associate themselves with Lord Winston's position and acknowledge that the whole of the programme and its rebroadcasts caused Dr Glatt considerable distress and embarrassment. In recognition of that, they have agreed to pay Dr Glatt an appropriate sum in compensation and his legal costs.'

As you have formally agreed with the above it would follow that you have accepted Lord Winston's statement.

In the circumstances I confirm that this matter is closed.

You have requested that Professor Wendy Savage not be involved in the assessment of your complaint. I can find no evidence to suggest that Professor Savage was involved in your case in 1991 or 2000, nor has she been involved in considering your recent correspondence.

Yours sincerely



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