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Dear Attorney General

**Gaia Young (deceased)**  
**Born: 4 March 1996**  
**Died: 21 July 2021**  
**Inquest hearing: 14 February 2022**

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October in response to my letter dated 14 September 2023.

You state:

“You argue that a court order dated 28 January 2022 was not complied with by UCLH. If I have understood the material you have provided correctly, your assertion about the witnesses is one which you make following evidence which has subsequently been made available but was not available at the time of the inquest.”

The coroner's court order dated 28 January 2022 included the following:

"UCLH will ensure the attendance at the inquest of such medical witness or witnesses to give oral evidence as are best able to assist HMC with the likely cause of the deceased's cerebral oedema and thus her death." (paragraph 9)

You have understood incorrectly. The coroner's order was framed in terms of the attendance of witnesses "best able to assist HMC". These witnesses were available at all material times to assist the court; Dr Robin Lachmann and Dr Elaine Murphy work for UCLH Trust and are renowned experts in metabolic encephalopathy. There was no reason why they could not

have provided evidence to assist the court. The requirement for expert evidence in metabolic encephalopathy was made clear in submissions to the court and the Trust.

Accordingly, your assertion such expert evidence “was not available at the time of the inquest” is incorrect and misconceived. Such expert evidence was available at all material times. The Trust disregarded the court order by failing to ensure the attendance of appropriate witnesses. Please address the relevant issue I have raised: appropriate witnesses not put forward by the Trust. Please do not bother to address an irrelevant issue I have not raised: aftercoming evidence.

For what it is worth, I am copying this letter to Coroner Hassell as you suggest.

I repeat the contents of my letter dated 14 September 2023 and look forward to receiving your response which accords with the facts and the law.

Yours sincerely,

Dorit

Lady Young of Dartington

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