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Your ref: HotelQuarantineJR.TG.TB
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19 March 2021

Dear Sirs

[REDACTED] & [REDACTED] v Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

We write further to your letter of 19 March 2021. We note your position in respect of your prospective client [REDACTED] (proceeding by her mother and litigation friend [REDACTED]).

We further note your request for a substantive response to your 5 March letter by 4pm today. Due to an administrative error, your letters of 5 and 15 March 2021 were not provided to the relevant team within the Government Legal Department until 16 March 2021. Therefore, our clients have only had a very short time to consider your letter and provide instructions. In addition, as you will appreciate, our clients are currently engaged in responding to the pressures of the global pandemic. In respect of your clients, Miss [REDACTED] is not now subject to the requirement to quarantine in a hotel, and your other client, Ms [REDACTED], left hotel quarantine on 26 February. In these circumstances, particularly given the claim is not urgent, it is appropriate for our clients to have a reasonable period of time to consider and respond to your pre-action letter. It would be premature for your clients to issue a claim without our clients having the opportunity to provide a substantive response to your pre-action protocol letter. If you do so, we will bring this letter to the Court's attention, if necessary, for the purposes of costs.

As mentioned in our previous letter, we will endeavour to respond by 29 March 2021.

Yours faithfully

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For the Treasury Solicitor

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