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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Head Injury Letter (Joanna Lane)

Hi [REDACTED]

Please can you help me out with providing some direction for a response to the following letter?

In summary, this enquirer has been contacting us since Nov 2008 and we've responded to 7 emails from her. Her son had depression, committed suicide and she later found out he was impotent. She believes that a head injury he sustained as a child could have caused the impotence, thus causing the depression and resulting in his death.

The enquirer has sent us links to studies backing up her 'case' and believes that in light of the information she's provided, we should consider an exceptional update of the guideline.

The information was passed to the [REDACTED] who responded to say that they would consider the study the next time a full update was required. Joanna is now trying every which way to ask us to update this guideline earlier than the scheduled update.

I'll give you a call about this tomorrow but thought it would be a good idea to give you some background before we discuss it.

Thanks

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