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Re Leaking of Confidential Information re Patel

Hi Dan,

No not at present. I must admit that I'm not entirely sure where to go from here. In the meeting with the staff today the DG advised that we would not have a witchhunt and that we needed to move on from this incident. The Minister said that leaking confidential information including patient details such as UR numbers was unacceptable and that whilst he supports freedom of speech in terms of people raising matters with MP's, he would not tolerate the leaking of such information.

Bottom line is that regardless of whether an investigation is held or not, I don't believe the culprit who leaked this information will be found. While on one hand I would like to send a strong message to the person(s) concerned that they are on very dangerous ground - I am concerned that such an investigation could prove very destructive resulting in nurses and doctors going after one another.

Perhaps we have the Audit team come up and deliver some training sessions around the Code of Conduct and deliver some firm and scary messages?

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I would welcome your advice especially if the DG's office is expecting action in a particular way

Peter

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is there a process going on, involving Internal Audit, to investigate this?

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