

Friday 20 June 2008
Email from Wendy Sykes to JND

[Names of prisoners replaced by initials]

Good morning John

Thank you for coming in to see us yesterday, we appreciated the opportunity to speak with you directly on these issues.

We noted your agreement not to talk to the media on subjects relating to your work within the prison, without the permission of the Governor, this is in accordance with instructions in the OPV Handbook, Section 19(e).

We discussed at length the Prison Service Vision and Values, particularly in relation to diversity and sexual equality. The Governor now needs assurances that you understood the need for our discussion and why we felt that your opinions were contrary to our Diversity Policy.

We also spoke at length of PWB who you were visiting as an OPV at HMP Winchester, and who you have continued to meet since he was released. The Governor and I made it clear that we considered this to be a concern for us, and that you might find your self compromised by continuing a visiting relationship after release.

The work of the OPVs is very positive and helpful to those men in here who have no-one to visit them, and the Governor asked you to consider whether you would want to continue as an Official Prison Visitor, or would want to work with men outside who you considered needed support.

On the subject of PWB, there have been developments in his case. Normally I would not be discussing this type information in an email about an ex-offender, but suffice it to say that PWB is no longer resident at Patrick House and is having assessments for his own well-being and safety. I have spoken to the support staff at Patrick House, as I said I would.

As we asked, please will you respond to the Governor direct.

Regards
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