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Dear Mr. Hameed

Your Litigation Matter

We write to you to give you an overview of your current litigation matter thus far.

You instructed us to write a letter in response to the letter MWN sent out to you with the allegations made against you by a service user.

With your instructions we wrote letters to a number of parties who had carried out defamatory conduct against you on social media.

You informed us that despite the letter that was sent out to you by MWN and them stating that they will be reporting the allegations made to the police, you have not had any visit from the police, no notification from the court, nor have you received any kind of formal complaint made against you.

After sending out these letters of action to the relevant parties, we have noted that their social media has now suddenly become quiet and one of the parties has actually apologised to you via a third party and admitted their wrongdoing. However, none of the other parties have



















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either admitted liability, nor have they acknowledged and apologised for their defamatory allegations.

We confirm that we have received character references from other service users, volunteers and from people who know you who have stated how pleased they are with the service you provided and how loyal and professional you are with how you run your organisation.

All the allegations made by them towards you are clearly unfounded and untrue. You confirmed to us that you have never been in trouble with the police. It appears that there was a smear campaign targeting you, which is clearly unacceptable.

We would now like to present you with the options available to you in order to pursue the matter to court for slander and defamation done in order to

Legal proceedings

In order to protect your interests, we are considering to take proceedings against those individuals in the County Court. These proceedings would seek remedies including but not limited to the following:

- substantial damages;
- an injunction to restrain them from publishing the same or similar statements in the future; and
- costs.

Next steps

We initially tried to avoid issuing legal proceedings against those individuals and we were keen to do all we can to avoid litigation where possible.

However, in accordance with the pre-action protocol for defamation, they were provided with 14 days of the date from the date of our initial letter to do the following:

- remove from publication in their entirety the defamatory threads to prevent harm to you and your organisation;
- produce an apology and a declaration that the allegations referred to are false and defamatory and cause such apology and declaration to be published in each of the forums which have given or could give reason for our complaint (such apology to be approved by us prior to publication);
- make proposals for the payment to us of damages for the harm caused to your reputation; and

• undertake to actively monitor and delete any newly published defamatory content relating to our Client.

These individuals have not complied with these demands; therefore, we have no option except to issue proceedings against them and claim for the above-mentioned remedies.

Please contact our office as soon as possible to arrange a mutually convenient appointment in order to instruct us further.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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