INQUIRY INTO OFF-PROTOCOL PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

Name: Mrs Kim & Mr Trevor McGuire

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The Hon Paul Green MLC
Chairman
SELECT COMMITTEE ON OFF-PROTOCOL
PRESCRIBING OF CHEMOTHERAPY IN NSW

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Dear Chairman,

My name is Trevor McGuire and I am writing to you and the committee on behalf of my wife Kim McGuire and myself who are both patients of Doctor Kiran Phadke.

We are responding to the Media Release of 21/09/16 requesting responses from patients and their families that have been affected by recent events raised by the Minister for Health and the NSW Health Department.

Our considerable distress and mistreatment has not been caused by Dr Phadke, on the contrary it has been caused by the NSW Health Department and Minister of Health. The investigation process and subsequent actions directed at Dr Phadke has damaged my wife's health and wellbeing due to the lack of patient care and information that has been provided to us.

We outlined our feelings in a Letter of Complaint (attached) to Dr at St George Hospital. The letter was dated 2 September 2016 and as yet we have no reply or response from him or anyone else representing the Hospital or Health Department.

We raised the complaint because my wife was informed by Dr on 1 August that she was one of 14 of Dr Phadke's patients under review and that an outcome would soon be provided. We are still waiting for that outcome and believe that the investigation into Dr Phadke and review of my wife's treatment has been unnecessarily prolonged.

Whilst my wife's investigation remains open, we are forced to endure the painful memories of those harrowing days in addition to having her treating doctor under suspension provides unacceptable risk to her current and future care plan.

Best regards,

Kim & Trevor McGuire