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From: Liz Carroll
Sent: 24 February 2015 14:19
To: GRO-D Liz Carroll; GRO-D stansboy@ GRO-C
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simon.mower@ GRO-C
Subject: Re: response from Roger Evans Chair of the McFarlane Trust to the letter we published today

I have just spoken to a barrister who specialises in this area following advice from the solicitor. The have no doubt the right thing to do is publish a retraction ASAP. There is a reasonable risk they would take it further and they have said on their website they have demand this. The barrister is drafting something along the lines of my recollection is this is what they said, they dispute it so we will retract it as we don't want to harm the charity. It would probably be me personally they sue as my name is on the letter. I asked if we should wait until we have something in writing. She said no because if they do that it is a suggestion they will do more and that will be very costly. If we retract it could stop further action. However it may not.

I would much rather do this than risk reputation and money as well as time.
Liz

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From: GRO-D
Date: 23/02/2015 23:02 (GMT+00:00)
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Liz,

The community and Board are all behind you. Remember it's only defamation if it's not true (and we know it is).

GRO-D

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From: Liz Carroll <liz@ GRO-C >
To: GRO-D >; Alan Burgess <stansboy@ GRO-C >
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<simon.mower@ GRO-C >
Sent: Mon, 23 Feb 2015 21:20
Subject: Re: response from Roger Evans Chair of the McFarlane Trust to the letter we published today

Thanks all. I really appreciate your support and I have had huge amounts of positive feedback from the community too. I will stand firm as long as we are not advised it will be harmful to the charity or me personally. I know what I heard and have no reason not to be truthful

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From: GRO-D
Date: 23/02/2015 20:16 (GMT+00:00)
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Likewise

GRO-D

On 23 Feb 2015, at 20:07, Alan Burgess <stansboy@GRO-C> wrote:

As a postscript from my earlier mail, I have had nothing but praise today from beneficiaries for what the Haemophilia Society has done in publishing the letter, and have not had one adverse comment on this, it means so much to so many people. We have done the right thing and I very much hope the advice we are given tomorrow is to stand firm on this.

Alan

From: liz@GRO-C
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CC: stansboy@GRO-C, GRO-D, GRO-D, bernardmanson@GRO-C, bill.payne@GRO-C, GRO-D, simon.mower@GRO-C, GRO-D, GRO-D
Subject: Re: response from Roger Evans Chair of the McFarlane Trust to the letter we published today
Date: Mon, 23 Feb 2015 17:28:51 +0000

No negative comments about us from anyone except Roger. We have huge amounts of thanks and support. However this is serious and as it is my name on the letter I am the one who would be sued. I'm just waiting to hear back from Bernard, I hadn't thought it could be seen as libelous and would never have suggested writing it if I had. I would never knowingly put the society or myself in that situation. Even if I know it is the truth. I am sure nobody else would either. We do need to decide what to do as Roger said we should publish a retraction within 24 hrs.
Liz

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From: Kate Khair
Date: 23/02/2015 17:22 (GMT+00:00)
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Oh Liz, I am sorry to hear that - hope you are OK!

Please know you have the support of the whole board and from what I have heard from several members (hearsay or not) it sounds like it is ingrained behaviour.
More important are the members - any negative comments from them?
Kate

Dr Kate Khair
Consultant Nurse Haemophilia GOS
Visiting Professor of Health and Social Care LSBU
GRO-C

Sent from my iPad

On 23 Feb 2015, at 16:39, Liz Carroll <liz@GRO-C> wrote:

I just wanted to let you know I have just had a call from Roger Evans who is very angry about the letter we sent. He says it is libellous as this was not said, and if anything was said it was him recounting an anecdote. This is absolutely not true and Jan definitely was the person who said the government should wait before responding to Penrose so more people will have died and it will be cheaper and as the years go on there will be less people to fight.

Roger has said if we do not retract the letter and write to the minister within 24 hours they will take legal action. He asked if the Board had seen the letter, which I confirmed.

I remained calm during the call and said I know what I heard.

Roger said he will be calling Bernard, and I have forever damaged the good relationship between The Haemophilia Society and The McFarlane Trust.

I have had a few calls from the Press including the Guardian, which I think is what has raised the level of concern for Roger.

Liz

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