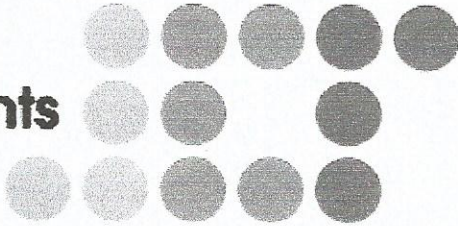


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Lady Smith

Dear Mr Still

I apologise for not responding sooner to your recent telephone message in which you raised the matter of your complaint about Lady Smith. I was awaiting some additional information from the Judicial Office for Scotland (JOS) and I work only one day per week at present.

I understand from Ryan Gare, JOS, that you made a complaint about Lady Smith in 2012 and that it was dismissed in May 2012. However, I have not asked to see the relevant papers. As noted on my website I do not consider complaints that have been closed by the JOS more than 4 months prior to a review request being made to me unless a complainant provides exceptional circumstances for the delay. If you consider that you have very good reasons for not making your review request sooner I will consider the matter again.


You said in your message that if I could not help you wished me to pass your folders to Paul Wheelhouse MSP, the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs. I can certainly do that but as he is not your constituency MSP you will not receive a reply from him direct. You will receive what is known as an official reply from an official in the relevant subject area. If you wish Mr Wheelhouse to know of your circumstances I suggest you contact your

constituency MSP who looks to be either Sarah Boyak or Angela Constance.
Your MSP will write to Mr Wheelhouse on your behalf and let you see the reply received.

Depending on your further reply to me, I will return the folders to you or pass them to Mr Wheelhouse's office or consider your case for exceptional circumstances as noted above.

I realise that my reply will be a disappointment but I hope you find it helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gillian Thompson', written over a horizontal line.

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