

## Second Sight comments on the Draft Engagement Letter

Our comments on the 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Version (Version3) of the Draft Engagement letter are as follows:

1. The proposed Engagement letter deals solely with the Mediation Scheme. As you are aware, we are also continuing to deal with the original 27 MP cases and 19 JFSA cases, some of which are not part of the Mediation Scheme. We have been told that the MPs will expect us to continue to report on all of those cases quite separately from the Mediation Scheme. We will require a separate engagement letter to deal with those cases if you wish that work to be dealt with separately from the Mediation Scheme. Our preference however would be to have a single Engagement letter that covers all of the work we are doing. All engagement letters must be signed concurrently.
2. Paragraph 6.2. This is a new paragraph. This is a condition which does not state a time period and represents an unacceptable restraint of trade. We may be prepared to agree to a modified condition which applies to the period that Second Sight continues to provide services to POL or to the Working Group.
3. Section 8 - Publicity. As previously notified, this Section is redundant bearing in mind the Confidentiality provisions in Section 6 and should be deleted.
4. Section 9 – Engagement with Third Parties. This Section as currently drafted is largely redundant bearing in mind the Confidentiality provisions in Section 6. The requirement to notify and or obtain consent from POL and or the Working Group is incompatible with the undertakings previously provided to Second Sight and to the Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP. Second Sight must be able to report and or discuss any aspect of its work with MPs and or the Rt Hon James Arbuthnot MP without the need to notify or obtain consent or permission from either POL or the Working Group.
5. Signature section. Ron Warmington will sign on behalf of Second Sight. No other signature is required.