

To: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Cc: Mark R Davies [GRO] Alwen Lyons [GRO] Ruth X Barker [GRO]
From: Kevin Gilliland [GRO]
Sent: Fri 11 10 2013 9:24:36 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Mr Griffiths

Michael Larkin is the SLT line manager but hasn't been closely involved in this because Glenn Chester has mainly been involving angela because of the second sight link.

Angela has kindly offered to prepare a brief as she has the background.

Mark - I've left you a message, it would be good to discuss. I'm happy to speak to martin's family and Glenn.

Kevin

Sent from my iPhone

On 11 Oct 2013, at 21:49, "Paula Vennells" <[GRO]> wrote:

Hi both, just to let you know that I will brief the Board tomorrow am.

Mark/Ruth, important that if we get any coverage on Martin's death that you text me please as well as email. Additionally, Kevin is getting some facts together for me so that I have whatever information is available to hand.

Thanks in advance, Paula

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paula Vennells <[GRO]>
Date: 11 October 2013 21:28:59 BST
To: Angela Van-Den-Bogerd <[GRO]>, John M Scott [GRO], Hugh Flemington <[GRO]>
Cc: Mark R Davies <[GRO]>, Kevin Gilliland [GRO], Ruth X Barker [GRO], Andy Holt <[GRO]>, Alwen Lyons [GRO]
Subject: Re: Mr Griffiths

Angela, thank you for sending over this news. I am so so sorry. Martin's family must be devastated.

I know (sadly from experience in business and personally) that there is rarely a simple explanation for such deaths; even though it is often easier for those so closely affected to look for one.

Three requests: firstly if I can help in any way, that you or the team dealing with it ask me. I would be happy to speak to or to meet the family if we thought that would help. Secondly, that we look after them as much as we can and as they will allow; thirdly, that we look after Glenn: he will be feeling very bad because he knew Martin and was the person closest to him from the PO.

And then, we need to look to the business: to help me brief this properly to the Board, can you let me know what background we have on Martin and how/why this might have happened. I had heard but have yet to see a formal report, that there were previous mental health issues and potential family issues. Also, if someone mentions the Post Office in a potential suicide case, I would like to know what the process is for looking into it: can John and/or Hugh advise please?

Deeply sad.

As I write this, I see that Mark has asked similar questions. We need a single senior manager a point person. Who is the SLT line manager please? Angela if it is you, and/or you would like it to be, that is fine. but I am very aware that you are in need of a break after a tough couple of weeks anyway. Can Kevin advise asap.

Thank you to everyone - I know you will be feeling as bad as I do over Martin's death.

Paula

Sent from my iPad

On 11 Oct 2013, at 20:43, "Angela Van-Den-Bogerd" <

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> wrote:

Paula,

Sadly Martin Griffiths passed away this afternoon. Martin's sister notified Glenn Chester a short while ago - the actual text is below in John's note below. Glenn has since spoken to the sister - the tone of the conversation was fine with no animosity towards Glenn.

Angela

GRO

From: John Breeden
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2013 07:31 PM
To: Angela Van-Den-Bogerd
Cc: Glenn Chester
Subject: Mr Griffiths

Angela,

To confirm our conversation, Glenn has spoken to Mr Griffiths sister to offer condolences following the very sad news of Mr Griffiths having passed away this afternoon.

Glenn received notification of Mr Griffiths death by text earlier this evening from his sister Jane (I think it was just before eight).

The text was worded – Sadly my brother Martin passed away this afternoon after being in a coma for 18 days. The family is devastated as such as waste of life and feel the post office has ruined yet another life. Thought you should know as you liked my brother.

Regards

John

John Breeden
Agents Contracts Deployment Manager North

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