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Andrew Dismore AM

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Dear Sadiq,

Re: Inner North London Coroner

I have been asked to present you with a petition regarding the conduct of the Senior Coroner for Inner North London, Mary Hassell. 2882 people have signed this petition, which is I think a very strong indication of how strong the depth of feeling is within the communities affected, namely Jewish, Muslim and Greek communities. I myself have had over 1,000 emails on this.

You may have read comments in the press that some residents were seeking to move in order to ensure that they did not die under Ms Hassell's jurisdiction. This is an appalling choice to have to make and one no other senior coroner forces their communities into. Coroners deal with the bereaved, and should be people of compassion, understanding, sympathy and humanity. Regrettably, Ms Hassell does not appear to have any of those qualities.

I am of course aware that the coroner's service is not within your remit, but I believe that a letter from you to the Lord Chancellor and the Chief Coroner objecting to Ms Hassell's behaviour, comments and decisions would be taken seriously by them, and be of great comfort to these communities.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Dismore AM

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