

From: [redacted]

Sent: 14 January 2018 10:35

To [redacted]

Subject: SSI Prescription, Independent Humanist Ceremonies

Dear Mr Stockwell, following correspondence with Angela Constance MSP, I have attached a letter on behalf of Independent Humanist Ceremonies seeking SSI Prescribed Status. Should you have any questions or need anything clarified, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours faithfully

[redacted]

Independent Humanist Ceremonies

[redacted]



[redacted]

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property Law
The Scottish Government
Room G15
St Andrews House
Regent Road
Edinburgh
E11 3DG

January 2018

Dear Mr Stockwell,

Humanist Celebrants - Independent Humanist Ceremonies to be prescribed by Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) in line with other faith and non-faith Scottish organisations.

I have been directed to write to you by Angela Constance MSP Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities with regards to Independent Humanist Ceremonies (IHC) trained celebrants to be prescribed by Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) in order that they may continue to solemnise Mixed Sex, Same Sex, and to register Civil Partnerships by virtue of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977.

The current IHC position is to provide ceremonies on behalf of those who seek to live ethical lives on the basis of reason and humanity. IHC promotes Humanism, a secular state, and equal treatment of everyone regardless of religion, belief, gender or sexuality. IHC encourage people to think for themselves about what is right and wrong, based on reason and respect for others to find meaning, beauty and joy in the life we have because IHC believe people can use empathy and compassion to make the world a better place for everyone.

IHC trains and accredits celebrants to conduct weddings, funerals, memorials, and naming ceremonies. The Registrar General currently authorises IHC celebrants, who are based throughout the country to perform same sex, mixed sex and to register Civil Partnerships on a three year renewable basis.

IHC has in excess of 4000 members across the country and is recognised as the second largest provider of humanist ceremonies in Scotland, continually providing for people who seek an ethical, compassionate, rational and secular life. Therefore in summary IHC are simply wishing to continue to provide this service but more importantly to have equal status, without prejudice, with all other faith and non-faith

organisations in Scotland and this would be achieved with IHC being prescribed by Scottish Statutory Instrument (SSI) thereby continuing to provide humanist and secular services, as an equal, with other faith and non-faith providers in Scotland.

Also to reiterate that all IHC celebrants are authorised to and are continually performing same sex, mixed sex marriages and Civil Partnerships and wish to be prescribed by SSI.

If there is any additional information that I can assist you with please do not hesitate to get in touch and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

[redacted]
Independent Humanist Ceremonies

From: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Sent: 17 September 2017 11:57
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Prescribed status

[redacted]

That is fine. You are quite right that the first stage is to write and ask to be prescribed.

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property
Scottish Government



From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 September 2017 11:55
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Hi Simon,

I know you're an extremely busy man and rather than take up any more of your time, I was thinking that the best way forward was for me to contact the Scottish Ministers directly, on the basis of the criteria that was listed in the policy note you referred to below.

This document is extremely informative and thank you for pointing it out.

It details a number of steps and criteria that will be taken before Prescribed Status is granted.

If I'm reading it correctly, then the first stage of becoming a Prescribed Organisation is to contact the Scottish Govt in the first instance so it seems to me that I should take that first step and see where it leads.

All the very best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Mobile [redacted]

[redacted]

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From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]

Sent: 30 June 2017 18:56

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

[redacted]

Apologies for not writing to you yet. I am on leave next week but will try to write to you once I come back.

Simon

From: Stockwell SW (Simon)

Sent: 13 June 2017 17:36

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

[redacted]

Sorry for my delay in replying to you.

I intend to write to you outlining the information which a body needs to provide to the Scottish Government to seek to obtain prescribed status and the questions which the Scottish Government will consider. The process would be along the same lines as the process undertaken in relation to HSS. We outlined the factors we considered in the Policy Note for the Scottish Statutory Instrument which prescribed HSS.

The SSI and the Policy Note can be found at

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2016/427/contents/made> and

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2016/427/policy-note/contents>

There is no application form to be prescribed: a body just has to write in.

I'll spell this out in more detail when I write to you.

[redacted]

Simon Stockwell

Family and Property Law

Scottish Government

From: [redacted]

Sent: 08 June 2017 22:31

To: Stockwell SW (Simon)

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Hi Simon,

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me the other week.

I was chairing one of our regular meetings of CHA Celebrants on Friday 2nd June, and brought them up to speed on our discussion.

One of my colleagues raised the point that as the Humanist Society Scotland must have followed some sort of procedure to gain Prescribed Status, then could the CHA not also attempt to follow on that same path. I had to admit that I could not recall if I had raised that particular point with you, and promised I would contact you to find out if this was possible.

[redacted]

With best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]

Sent: 22 May 2017 07:31

To: **[redacted]**

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Hi. Perhaps either first thing (9AM) or last thing (4PM) on Wednesday?

Simon

From: **[redacted]**

Sent: 21 May 2017 11:22

To: Stockwell SW (Simon)

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Hi Simon,

Many apologies, I got caught up in work on that Friday then I was away on holiday last week.

Is there a good time this week to give you a call?

All the best,

[redacted]

From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot]

Sent: 10 May 2017 18:24

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

[redacted]

Sure. I am free on Friday PM from 2 onwards. Please phone me on 0131 244 3322

Simon

From: [redacted]

Sent: 10 May 2017 15:39

To: Stockwell SW (Simon)

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Hi Simon,

I hope you're well.

I know you're a busy man, but I was wondering if there was a good time to give you a call about this, maybe tomorrow or Friday?

All the best,

[redacted]

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From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot]

Sent: 24 April 2017 13:10

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

[redacted]

Sorry for my delay: pressure of other work. I'll be back in touch as soon as I can.

Simon

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 April 2017 11:18
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Hi Simon,

I was wondering if you've had the opportunity to look into this issue.

If you need anything else from me, please do let me know. On that note, is there anything else I could / should be doing that would assist you e.g. contact my MSP?

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]
Sent: 03 April 2017 11:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Prescribed status

No progress yet (was off for part of last week). Busy early this week on other issues. Will try and look at these issues later this week.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 April 2017 11:28
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Dear Simon,

Just a quick email to enquire if any progress has been made with this, [redacted]

If you need any more information, please let me know.

All the very best,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]

Sent: 20 March 2017 16:14

To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Prescribed status

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks for your email. I'll reply as soon as I can.

Simon Stockwell

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 20 March 2017 16:04

To: Stockwell SW (Simon)

Subject: Prescribed status

Dear Simon,

I hope this finds you well.

My name is [redacted] Caledonian Humanist Association (CHA).

I understand that Rod Burns, Deputy Registrar General has been in contact with you [redacted]

Mr Burns told me that you agreed that I should contact you directly to discuss these issues and we could take things from there.

The first point I raised was how would the CHA go about obtaining prescribed status? The prescription process is of great interest to us and I would be very keen to explore this possibility with you.

[redacted]

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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T: [redacted] F: [redacted]
E: [redacted]

[redacted]

Our ref: 2017/0034358
20 September 2017

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 September to Scottish Ministers. I am replying on their behalf.

The Scottish Government has received your request that Scottish Ministers prescribe the Caledonian Humanist Association under:

- section 8(1A)(a) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977
- section 8(1C)(a) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977
- section 94A(2)(a) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004.

We will be in touch about your request in due course.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 November 2017 17:08
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reply from the Scottish Government

Dear [redacted]

I'm writing to say I've received your e-mail. We'll be in touch soon about your request.

Best wishes

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Family and Property Law
Scottish Government

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 November 2017 14:44
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reply from the Scottish Government

Dear [redacted]

I write to ask if there has been the opportunity to make any progress with my request for Prescribed Status for the Caledonian Humanist Association.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted]
[Caledonian Humanist Association](#)

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 September 2017 12:43
To: [redacted]
Subject: Reply from the Scottish Government

Dear **[redacted]**

Thank you for your correspondence. Please see the attached reply.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]
Scottish Government

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2017 12:04
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: Prescribed status - HSS
Importance: High

Dear Mr Stockwell,

Please find attached, on behalf of [those](#) listed therein, our subject response document [redacted]

We thank you for your assistance re defining our approach and we acknowledge & welcome the opportunity of meeting at your convenience, if/as required, to take this matter forward.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

[redacted] [Humanism in Scotland](#)

[redacted]

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Ps there is a further related doc – (Appendix 5) – about which I will phone you.

Re: Organisations Prescribed for Marriage & Civil Partnerships – Scotland

[redacted]

the precedence set by prescribing the HSS should also be applied to those organisations who also adhere to and promote the Moral & Ethical Code of International Humanism.

[redacted]

4. The way forward:

Rather than only to the HSS, Prescribed Status should be granted to all of Scotland's humanist orgs who, by their very existence, affirm affiliation to the Moral & Ethical Code of International Humanism, as defined at the IHEU tri-annual congress at Amsterdam in 2002, since then retaining its currency into 2017 and probably, subject to either confirmation/amendment in Brazil 2017, beyond that.

Further, via all humanist organisations, the indirect granting for Prescribed Status to the Moral and Ethical Code of International Humanism gives parity of esteem with other faiths & beliefs, as endorsed by **Belief in Dialogue** :

<http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/resources/Belief+in+Dialogue.pdf>

Appendix 1 - 7 Humanist Organisations in Alpha order

Caledonian Humanists	[redacted]	
Fuze Foundation	[redacted]	
Humanism in Scotland	[redacted]	
Humanist Fellowship	[redacted]	
Humanist Society Scotland	[redacted]	No contact made
Independent Humanists	[redacted]	
Scottish Humanists	[redacted]	

[redacted]

Appendix 2 - Moral and Ethical Code of International Humanism



(The worldwide humanist moral and ethical code is what we're all about, adopted at the tri-annual World Humanist Congress in the Netherlands in 2002 CE. The most recent 2014 Congress in Oxford – England, reaffirmed this 2002 original as still relevant) The decrees of our moral and ethical code, taken either singly or combined, relate to all/any issues that affect or effect human well-being.

Humanism, the outcome of a long tradition of free thought, gave rise to science itself and has inspired many of the world's great thinkers and creative artists. The fundamentals of modern Humanism are as follows :

- 1. Humanism . . .** is ethical. It affirms the worth, dignity and autonomy of the individual and the right of every human being to the greatest possible freedom, compatible with the rights of others . Humanists have a duty of care to all of humanity including future generations. Humanists believe that morality is an intrinsic part of human nature based on understanding and a concern for others , needing no external sanction.
- 2. Humanism . . .** is rational. It seeks to use science creatively, not destructively. Humanists believe that the solutions to the world's problems lie in human thought and action rather than divine intervention. Humanism advocates the application of the methods of science and free inquiry to the problems of human welfare. But Humanists also believe that the application of science and technology must be tempered by human values. Science gives us the means but human values must decide the ends.
- 3. Humanism . . .** supports democracy and human rights. Humanism aims at the fullest possible development of every human being. It holds that democracy and human development are matters of right. The principles of democracy and human rights can be applied to many human relationships and are not restricted to methods of government.
- 4. Humanism . . .** insists that personal liberty must be combined with social responsibility. Humanism ventures to build a world on the idea of the free person, responsible to society and recognizes our dependence on and responsibility for the natural world. Humanism is not dogmatic, imposing no creed upon its adherents. It is thus committed to education free from indoctrination.

5. Humanism . . . is a response to the widespread demand for an alternative to dogmatic religion. The world's major religions claim to be based on revelations fixed for all time, and many seek to impose their world-views on all of humanity. Humanism recognizes that reliable knowledge of the world and ourselves arises through a continuing process of observation, evaluation and revision.

6. Humanism . . . values artistic creativity and imagination and recognizes the transforming power of art. Humanism affirms the importance of literature, music and the visual and performing arts for personal development and fulfilment.

7. Humanism . . . is a life stance aiming at the maximum possible fulfilment through the cultivation of ethical and creative living, offering an ethical and rational means of addressing the challenges of our times. Humanism can be a way of life for everyone everywhere. Our primary task is to make human beings aware in the simplest terms of what Humanism can mean to them and what it commits them to. By utilizing free inquiry, the power of science and creative imagination for the furtherance of peace and in the service of compassion, we have confidence that we have the means to solve the problems that confront us all. We call upon all who share this conviction to associate themselves with us in this endeavour.

More at www.iheu.org

Appendix 3

[redacted]

Appendix 4 - Marriage & CP 2014 - the qualifying requirements

All organisations must endorse the imperatives whereby the reputation, dignity & solemnity of marriage and civil partnership ceremonies in Scotland are assured. Ref:

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0045/00459045.pdf>

Specifically in relation to 'Track Record' - items 39 > 41, for which there is absence of provision, we consider that to be entirely relevant to assessing the competence and qualifying assessments for prescribed authority status.

Specifically in relation to item 40.2, we consider that the statement 'All celebrants have to start in their vocation at some point' undermines the importance of vocation in fulfilling the qualifying requirements. That should be more robust, embedding our vocation as the life stance for all that we do.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2017 12:41
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: RE: Prescribed status - HSS

Mr Stockwell - As agreed just now . . attached
Thanks

[redacted]

From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]
Sent: 23 March 2017 12:06
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Prescribed status - HSS

Dear [redacted]

Many thanks. I acknowledge receipt and will revert as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely

Simon Stockwell
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 March 2017 12:04
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Re: Organisations Prescribed for Marriage & Civil Partnerships – Scotland

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 09 July 2017 12:09
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: The prescribed debacle . .
Importance: High

Hello Simon . .my most **recent email** to my colleagues merely reflects your most recent to me.

I'm sure you appreciate our hope that you can formalise our next step as a matter of some urgency.
[redacted]

[redacted]

Regards

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 July 2017 10:57
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: The prescribed debacle . .

Hello again kindred spirits . .**update**
Regards

[redacted]

From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]
Sent: 30 June 2017 18:57
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: The prescribed debacle . .

[redacted]

Apologies for not writing to you yet. I am on leave next week but will try to write to you once I come back.

Simon

From: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Sent: 13 June 2017 18:05
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: The prescribed debacle . .

[redacted]

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There is no application form to be prescribed: a body just has to write in.

I'll spell this out in more detail when I write to you.

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property Law
Scottish Government
[REDACTED]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 March 2017 10:29
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: The prescribed debacle . .

Hello again Mr Stockwell. Reflecting on recent days and its revelations etc, I don't envy you the task of unscrambling it all.

Humanism and its potential is too important for 'us' to fail to seize the opportunity that presents itself, and you can rest assured of our commitment to make it right.

Perhaps this might shed some light in a gloomy tunnel ?

<http://bit.ly/2njKa6p>

regards

[redacted]

[redacted] Humanism in Scotland

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 17 August 2017 15:48
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: RE: Prescription

Thanks Simon . . I know that you are aware of our anxiety to achieve parity of 'prescribed' status, asap.

Your early attention will be much appreciated.

As aye . .

[redacted]

From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]
Sent: 17 August 2017 15:27
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Prescription

[redacted]

Hi. You phoned yesterday when I was out of the office. Just to say that I continue to look at this and to apologise for my delay – I appreciate I need to get on with this. I am going to try to dedicate tomorrow to it so I can get a letter out to you shortly.

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property
Scottish Government
[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 September 2017 08:32

To: Stockwell SW (Simon)

Subject: RE: Prescribing bodies to solemnise marriage and register civil partnership

Importance: High

Hi Simon . .thank you for the reassurance set out in your email. It has had the desired effect within our represented groups.

[redacted]

As always . . .

[redacted]

From: Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot [<mailto:Simon.Stockwell@gov.scot>]

Sent: 22 September 2017 16:43

To: [redacted]

Subject: Prescribing bodies to solemnise marriage and register civil partnership

[redacted]

Just to confirm that I will write to you soon on what information the Scottish Government needs from a religious or belief body to consider prescribing that body in relation to the solemnisation of marriage and the registration of civil partnership

I apologise for my delay in sending this letter to you. This is due to pressure of other work (eg I am the lead in the Scottish Government in relation to the proposed member's Bill by John Finnie MSP on the physical punishment of children).

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property
Scottish Government



From: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Sent: 31 October 2017 07:07
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Prescribed status

[redacted]

Sorry for my continued delay. I still intend to write to you on being prescribed. However, if your nominations to the Registrar General expire at the end of this year, you will have to go to the RG to get them renewed. Being prescribed takes some time. After I write, you need to gather and send the information; I need to consider and go to Ministers and then a Scottish Statutory Instrument needs to go through the Parliamentary process.

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property
Scottish Government

From: [redacted]
Sent: 28 October 2017 09:47
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: FW: Prescribed status
Importance: High

Hi Simon Hope all well with you . .can you give me any direction on the following from one of my colleagues ?

Thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 27 October 2017 23:59
To: [redacted]
Subject: Prescribed status

Hi [redacted]

I'm just wondering if there's been any progress on the Prescribed status issue as we are coming to the end of the year when the RG's office draw up their celebrant lists?

I hope this finds you well?

[redacted]
Humanist Association Scotland
[redacted]
www.humanistassociationscotland.com

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 November 2017 10:47
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: FW: Prescribed & its inequality
Importance: High

FYI

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 03 November 2017 10:45
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Prescribed & its inequality
Importance: High

Hello to you, our subject collective . . . prompted by one of us, which I forwarded to Mr Stockwell (our Scot Gov legal contact), re the end of the year routine when the RG's office draw up their celebrant lists, his response below, points out that our objective of parity with HSS will take some considerable time. His advice goes further >

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In the interim, we should act accordingly.

As aye & greetings

[redacted]



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Before you print . . . think about the ENVIRONMENT

From: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Sent: 10 November 2017 16:32
To: [redacted]
Subject: Qualifying requirements

[redacted]

Hi. The paper on qualifying requirements can be found on this page:
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/law/17867/samesex>

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property
Scottish Government

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 13 November 2017 14:29

To: NRS : Marriage Mailbox

Subject: RE: Same sex marriage

Thank you [redacted] . . no problem. Can I say at this juncture that I hope we can with others in due course, gain parity with the prescribed status of Humanist Society Scotland.

As always 😊

[redacted]

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From: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Sent: 15 December 2017 11:40
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Prescribed etc

[redacted]

No difficulties so far as I am concerned in you sending this to NRS marriage section.

Simon Stockwell
Family and Property
Scottish Government

[redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 15 December 2017 11:37
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Subject: RE: Prescribed etc
Importance: High

Hi Simon . .here is a self explanatory email which I intend to send to Reg General marriage section. Does it scuttle a boat which (I / We) would prefer to remain afloat ? I'd appreciate a rapid OK from you , if that applies . .

Regards

[redacted]

[redacted]

The small group of humanist organisations, of which we are one, intend to seek parity of prescribed status and we await the triggering of that by the Legal team at St Andrew's House. That may take some considerable time and our interim request for 3 year authority gives uniformity with those who already enjoy that, as a step towards our collective ultimate objective.

From: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Sent: 23 January 2018 09:34
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Latest from the HSS

[redacted]

I was just looking at the prescription work yesterday. Will try to write soon.

Simon
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 23 January 2018 09:27
To: Stockwell SW (Simon)
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Latest from the HSS
Importance: High

Hi Simon [redacted]

We would appreciate an update on where prescription now sits

Thanks

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