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Thanks for sight. The SG responses on this have been consistent ever since we had first sight of this work, which is probably a couple of months ago – our response then was the same as now, that it wasn't an official NHS GG&C doc [text redacted]. We certainly haven't interfered with it, as you know.

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Hi [text redacted – personal data] – as Jason writes, Jill's a member of the SG C19 Advisory Group but this report wasn't commissioned from or discussed by them, so has no status via that route. I'm copying this to secretariat colleagues in case it was tabled between meetings via SLACK to that group – but I doubt it.

Copying in Orlando for policy here.

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Any thoughts on this colleagues? Am I right in thinking that his assertion that two of the report authors are SG advisors is wrong?

[emails redacted – section 25(1) and/or section 30(b)(i) and (ii)]

Hi [text redacted – personal data],

You're correct. It's only a board paper if it was commissioned by them – I don't see that this one was anywhere. Looking at the website hosting them, I note there was no funding declared for the papers and they were approved by GGC local Ethics and Research bodies which is standard for being allowed to use the data.

A paper is "owned" by the authors and the journal it's published in. There are actually three authors from GGC and three from Glasgow University on one and an additional Glasgow University Author on the other.

Hope this helps.  
John







