

Louise Stoten Case - Executive Summary

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Case Overview

A deceased patient's husband has sent a threatening letter alleging negligence by Sanctura clinic in the treatment of his wife.

Patient	Louise Stoten (DOB: 08/04/1969, Died: 16/09/2025)
Diagnosis	Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer
Complainant	Paul Stoten (husband)
Threat	Negligence claim, £500,000+ demanded
Deadline	7 days from receipt (~8 February 2026)

Allegations Summary

- Operating in London without CQC license (July/August 2025)
- Medication "overdose" causing 28+ hours sleep deprivation
- Repeated overdose upon arrival in Cape Town
- Chemotherapy given when patient was too weak
- Claims these contributed to premature death

Defense Position

Allegation	Defense	Strength
No CQC license / unlicensed practice	Dr Laporta acted as naturopath, not medical doctor; no GMC jurisdiction. CQC license obtained: [DATE TBC]	STRONG
Steroid overdose	Recognized adverse effects, not overdose; within therapeutic limits	STRONG
Prescribing issues	All UK prescribing by registered Nurse Practitioner Maria Tam	STRONG
Caused premature death	43-day gap between UK care and death; terminal prognosis already established; death under hospital care	STRONG

Critical Defense Points

- UK Practice Role:** Dr Laporta did NOT practice as a medical doctor in the UK. His role was explicitly limited to naturopath/integrative oncology support practitioner, operating outside GMC registration.
- Prescribing Authority:** All UK prescribing (steroids, antibiotics) was done by Sister Maria Tam, a Registered Nurse Practitioner. Dr Laporta had no prescribing authority in the UK.
- Causation:** Patient died 43 days after last UK treatment, under hospital-based physician care in South Africa. Prof. Justin Stebbing (GMC-registered oncologist) had already confirmed prognosis of <12 months.

Outstanding Critical Item

Sister Maria Tam's prescription records - antibiotics and steroids

Recommended Actions

1. **Immediate:** Obtain prescription records from Sister Maria Tam
 2. **ASAP Monday:** Brief Wendy with this summary and supporting documentation
 3. **This week:** Engage senior counsel through Yes to Life
 4. **Before deadline:** Respond to Paul Stoten (~8 February 2026)
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Key Contacts

Role	Name
Critical - Prescriber	Sister Maria Tam (Registered NP, Sanctura London)
Complainant	Paul Stoten
Director	Dr James Laporta
UK Medical Authority	Prof. Justin Stebbing (GMC-registered Oncologist)
Final Care Physician	Dr Roger de Andrade (Cape Gate Hospital)

Supporting Documentation

Full case files available in `information-base/` folder:

- Detailed defense position (`09-medicolegal-defense.md`)
 - Complete timeline with invoice references (`02-timeline.md`)
 - Allegation-by-allegation response (`05-allegations-response.md`)
 - All 43 invoices summarized (`06-invoice-summary.md`)
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This summary is for internal legal preparation only. Full medicolegal defense documentation prepared by Dr Laporta (Feb 1, 2026).