

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

1. Operating in London without CQC license (July/August 2025)
2. Medication "overdose" causing 28+ hours sleep deprivation
3. Repeated overdose upon arrival in Cape Town
4. Chemotherapy given when patient was too weak
5. 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	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

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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).