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Interview with P23 - 20 Oct 03 1505 hrs

I began the interview explaining to P23 the purpose of the interview and apologising on behalf of BHSD for the incident.


P23 outlined the incident that occurred at approx 1100-1200 hrs on 18 Oct 03. She had been admitted for a right calf DVT. Dr Qureshi examined her right calf, then she alleged that he rubbed his hand up and down her inner right leg several times, upto her thigh/groin region. This action made her feel uncomfortable. Dr Qureshi continued to speak to her during this action explaining that she needed to continue moving her leg.

Thereafter he examined her chest. P23 pulled her t-shirt/nightie upto below her breasts. Dr Qureshi used his stethoscope to listen to her chest and heart, then she alleged that he pulled her t-shirt up above her breasts without permission, began playing with her left breast and then rubbing between her breasts saying that she needed a chest massage. Dr Qureshi completed the physical examination by rubbing her face and hair. She had almost called for nursing staff assistance when he completed his actions. By this time she felt very uncomfortable, stating that he made her skin crawl and wish she could curl up and go away.

The examination lasted about 15 minutes, was conducted behind the curtain and there were no other people present. She noted that she had been examined by a large number of doctors over the last 2 years in 3 locations and had never experienced anything like this before.


P23 thought about the incident for 24 hours before putting the complaint in writing. She believed the examination was inappropriate as evidenced by the next day when he had a chaperone and there was listening to the chest only.

I thanked her for her time and explained that it was a serious matter requiring more information be gathered.

  
Dr Darren Keating  
DMS

21 Oct 03

I spoke to P23 on 21 Oct 03 (approx 0845) to explain that this matter should be referred to the Medical Board because it was serious. I asked if she was happy to speak to the Medical Board if required and she said yes.

  
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