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**From:** Michael Schafer  
**To:** Peter Leck  
**Date:** 31/05/2004 1:38pm  
**Subject:** Investigation of allegations of sexual assault against Dr Qureshi

Dear Peter,

I refer to the above matter.

You may recall that three female patients raised allegations of sexual assault against Dr Qureshi. The three complaints were received on 27 August 2003, 18 October 2003 and 8 December 2003. However, the complaints were not referred to Audit until after receipt of the last complaint, on 5 January 2004.

As you would be aware, the allegations were subsequently referred to the Queensland Police Service, who investigated the complaints and brought charges against Dr Qureshi. However, prior to his arrest, Dr Qureshi fled the country.

On 7 April 2004 you advised Audit that Dr Qureshi had been terminated from his employment with QH on the basis that he had abandoned his employment by fleeing overseas. Upon receipt of your advice, Audit proceeded to notify the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) of the outcome and forwarded the file to the Director-General for closure.

On 18 May 2004 the CMC wrote to Audit and expressed concern that the Bundaberg Health Service District did not refer the matter to Audit until after receipt of the third complaint. The CMC questioned why, given the serious nature of the allegations, the District did not refer the matter to Audit immediately upon receiving the first complaint.

The CMC has asked that I bring their concerns to your attention, in order for you to take action to ensure that middle and senior management in the District are aware of the importance of their obligations in relation to reporting suspected official misconduct in a timely manner.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 323 40835.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Schafer

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