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Mr Christopher Bury

Sent by email only to: [redacted]

31 July 2025

Dear Mr Bury

Our decision concerning the report you made to us

Thank you for your report regarding Claire Porter and Sean O'Connor, who are solicitors working at the County of Herefordshire District Council.

After considering your report, we have decided we will not be taking any further action.

Reasons for our decision

When we look into reports of concern made to us, we make a decision on whether to investigate based on our assessment threshold test. We look at:

- Whether there has been a potential breach of our rules
- If there has been a breach of our rules, whether we would be likely to take regulatory action based on the type of breach. We typically only investigate the most serious allegations
- Whether there is enough evidence to prove the breach.

In this case:

- We will not be able to prove the allegation(s) to the necessary standard of evidence. The evidence provided does not support the allegation of dishonesty or suggest that there would be any additional evidence that we could obtain. Further information on the necessary standard of evidence can be found here.

Under our rules, you do not have the right to appeal or review this decision.

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We will keep your report on our records

We are grateful for the time you have taken to provide this information to us. The reports we receive are an important part of our work in regulating law firms and solicitors.

Although on this occasion we will not be taking further action, we will keep a record of your report. We may refer to it in the future if we receive any new reports of similar concerns. This will help us to identify any patterns or trends that we might need to address.

Thank you again for contacting us.

Yours sincerely

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