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**From:** Jenkins, Ken  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2008 1:47 PM  
**To:** Sparkes, Hellen  
**Subject:** Letter for This Afternoon  
**Importance:** High  
**Attachments:** Letter to Robert Thompson re [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].doc

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Hi Hellen

Please format and pass to me to sign and fax to Robert today. See other correspondence to him on file for address. Tnx.

Ken

4/11/2008

Dear Robert

Further to your March 31, 2008 phone request to the CEO regarding follow up and notification of the subject patients, I note the following:

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2. [REDACTED] – her original ER/PR was 0/30 and her Mount Sinai retest indicated DCIS. Dr. Carter also reviewed this case and agreed with the Mount Sinai interpretation. Eastern Health contacted the next of kin ([REDACTED] has dementia) on April 2, 2008, as they have been handling follow up on DCIS cases.

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Ken

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**From:** Sparkes, Hellen  
**Sent:** Friday, April 11, 2008 2:46 PM  
**To:** Gillam, Susan  
**Subject:** copy of letter from Dr. Jenkins  
**Importance:** High  
**Attachments:** thompson letter april 11 2008.doc

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Hi Susan,

Dr. Jenkins asked me to email this to you. We faxed this out to Mr. Thompson this afternoon. Copy is in your mail tray as well.

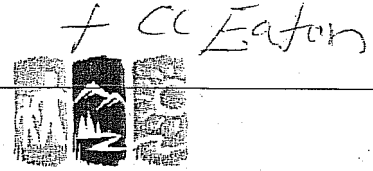
Hellen.

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*Hellen Sparkes*

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TO:

Mr. Robert Thompson

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FROM:

H. Sparkes for Dr. K. Jenkins

DATE:

April 11/08

RE:

Attached letter

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Mr. Robert C. Thompson  
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Sincerely,

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