

CASE NO. 12814-2025

SRA and Chinyere Inyama

RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO APPLICANT'S RULE 12 STATEMENT

1. The allegation against me is that on one occasion, in a telephone call to the Chief Coroner's Office (CCO) on 9th November 2021, I provided inaccurate and/or misleading information about the seriousness of allegations made against me being investigated by Nottinghamshire police. It is said that in doing so I am in breach of Principles 2, 4 and 5 of the SRA Principles 2019 and in breach of Paragraph 1.4 of the Code of Conduct for Solicitors.
2. I deny the allegation.
3. During the telephone call of 9th November 2021, I made it clear that, there was an ongoing investigation, and it had been referred to the specialist RASSU team, a police investigation unit that investigates rapes and serious sexual assaults. I knew that there was direct contact between the police and the CCO and there would be throughout the course of the investigation until it's conclusion. This was a 'closed room' situation where it was impossible to hide the direction of the investigation even if that had been my intention to do so, which it was not. I described the allegations as 'touching up' not to mislead, given all the circumstances, but to avoid embarrassment and shame at the nature of the allegations. My mind was still reeling from the police interview a couple of days before the phone call. It was not a rehearsed phone conversation where I had written down a form of words or thought about what I would say or how I would say it. The spontaneous and isolated description of the allegation as 'touching up' was not and could not be a dishonest attempt to shape the narrative to the CCO given the totality of the known, other circumstances and context surrounding the call and comments made in the call.
4. I rely on documents already in the bundle, in particular the transcript of hearing and report of the disciplinary panel of June 2022, pages X126-132 and X67-X98

Chinyere Inyama

8th October 2025