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Great Ormond Street Hospital ("the Hospital") and June Emily Somma today announce the resolution of two years' litigation concerning the copyright and trademark rights surround J M Barrie's story and character Peter Pan. The parties wish to express their shared understanding that Ms. Somma's novel *After the Rain: A New Adventure for Peter Pan* constitutes a fair use which does not infringe on any of the US intellectual property rights currently held by the Hospital. The Hospital believes that Ms Somma has made an important contribution to the field of children's literature and recognises her love of children.

The Hospital and Ms Somma have put in place an arrangement consisting of mutually-agreed conditions under which Ms Somma may develop *After the Rain* and the further adventures of his storyline and characters.

The Hospital also wishes to express its regret that, over the past few years, Ms Somma's motives were impugned and her commitment to children's wellbeing called into question by others. The Hospital hereby disavows any such statements.

The Hospital wishes Ms Somma luck in her future enterprises and looks forward to her future works based on *After the Rain* under the parties' arrangement.

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Notes to editors:

Great Ormond Street Hospital is an international centre of excellence for treating sick children, but we are being held back by our crowded, inefficient and old-fashioned facilities. We want to treat 20 per cent more NHS patients, end the stark difference between facilities on different wards, make families' journey more convenient and comfortable, and benefit children worldwide through our research and training.

To do this will require us to rebuild two thirds of the hospital and redesign much of what we do. The next stages will require £312 m and we need to raise a further £123 million of this through public generosity.

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity has as its first priority raising funds for this essential work, as well as supporting the ongoing work of the Hospital through buying vital equipment, supporting key research, and other developments benefiting families and staff.

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