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From Paradox to Absurdity:

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I either know you really well, or am assuming that as a Psychiatric Nurse aware of my troubles, you have a sharp sense of humour. Oh, and Jenny, I can just tell from your face in the Committee photographs...

I'd like to send you the odd cameo/chronicle (Camchron) of my ongoing situation just so someone else can share the humour of it, if that's ok...

At present I am preparing my brief for my forthcoming Hearing. My Solicitor has been legally dissecting all the issues, seeking expert legal and professional opinion, doing very thorough research, and now has 'most avenues covered'.

The one area remaining which is now crucial, and for which my Solicitor advises my De- Registration may be sought by the Nursing Council Barrister, will focus on the words " I'll call round there personally and stick your shotgun up your arse, or words to that effect"..

Now the exact words I said were, "I' ll personally call round there and stick your shotgun so far up your arse you won't know weither to fart or wind your wrist watch!"

It's a line derived from the film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"when Randall McMurphy takes bets that he can wind up Sister Ratchitt , remember.....

It is maintained by the Nursing Council Barrister that my threat was real. That in fact I was intending to suddenly leap out into a cold Wellington night, drive across the causway to Hutt Valley, where, armed no doubt with a rubber glove and tube of KY Jelly, I would personally call at the gentlemans home, order him to adopt the position and prepare to receive a personal delivery from Mental Healthline.....

It appears that my explanation I was speaking metaphorically, in the language of the client, and in the context of both societal and environmental factors ,is not acceptable.

Odd.

Interpersonal therapies practiced within Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychotherapy, (not to mention Nursing), rely upon the 'use of metaphor in the context of both societal and environmental factors', as a principle tool of therapy.

Ah well...one can only chuckle..... ponder, reflect, and chuckle again.....

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