

for patient safety and justice

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Dear John

## **Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquests**

This is just a short note to thank you, your colleagues and fellow partners at Blake Lapthorn for agreeing to take on representation of families at the inquests, and for doing such a good job. Please pass on our thanks to all concerned. We are particularly grateful that you were prepared to commit to this without the guarantee of funding. We have acknowledged this in our press release and will try to find other ways of acknowledging the valuable service you have provided, not only to the families but also to the wider community and the public interest.

I am conscious that you continue to explore next steps with the families themselves. If at all possible we would like to maintain the involvement of AvMA at the more general level (for example in the campaign for a public inquiry, and in facilitating meetings and contact with other families that have been affected).

Kind regards.

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