

**Hugh Williams**

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**From:** Charles Farthing; Code A  
**Sent:** 15 August 2008 09:45  
**To:** Hugh Williams  
**Subject:** General Medical Council  
**Attachments:** GMC-CRSF (24 May 07)0001.pdf; CRSF-GMC (16 Apr 07)0001.pdf; CRSF-GMC (28 Jun 02)0001.pdf; GMC-CRSF (1 May 07)0001.pdf; GMC-CRSF (11 Jul 02)0001.pdf; GMC-CRSF (12 Sep 02)0001.pdf

Dear Hugh,

Further to our conversation yesterday afternoon, please find attached the third (3) of three packages of information sent separately to keep the contents together and to minimise file size.

They are:

- (1) Letters relating to my complaint to Inspector of Nursing Homes
- (2) Letters relating to my complaint to the Portsmouth Health Care Trust
- (3) Letters relating to my complaint to the General Medical Council

I hold many other related letters concerning (3), written by Eversheds and later Field Fisher Waterhouse.

With kind regards,

Charles Farthing

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16 April 2007

General Medical Council  
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Dear Sirs,

**GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Following the recent decision by the Crown Prosecution Service not to commence proceedings against various staff at the above hospital, I have been advised by Mr Close of the CPS, and later the Police, that you will be conducting a medical investigation into the facts behind various deaths at that hospital.

I would like you to be aware that my step-father, Mr A D B Cunningham, was one patient who died there and, indeed, was one of the dozen or so that were extracted by the Police for closer than usual scrutiny. Consequently, I would wish to be kept informed of all developments in respect of your enquiries, and to have the opportunity of making a statement and/or asking questions should this be possible.

During my interview with Mr Close on the 15 March 2007, it became apparent that there are a number of significant reports held on file to which I was refused access. These include a report by Professor Baker who was specifically commissioned by the Chief Medical Officer to conduct an independent audit of deaths at that hospital, and also a number of 'expert' reports by specialist in the medical profession. It is a fact that some of the selected information read out to me during my interview was demonstrably inaccurate and needs to be challenged.

I am very concerned that access to this information is being released to only selected individuals as it taints the whole process and the CPS decision, and particularly infers that justice may not have been done.

In addition to my involvement, it would be very much appreciated if there is anything you could do to have this information released.

Yours faithfully,

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28 June 2002

Mr M HUDSPITH  
British Medical Council  
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Dear Mr HUDSPITH,

**WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, GOSPORT**

It has been brought to my attention that you are involved in an investigation into various members of the medical staff at the above hospital in late 1998, and feel you should be aware of the untimely death of my step-father in September of that year whilst under its care, if you do not know already.

My step-father was Arthur Denis Brian CUNNINGHAM, who was admitted into this hospital on 21 September with serious bed-sores, as outlined in various papers sent by me to the Hampshire Constabulary some considerable time ago. He died on 26 September, apparently from Bronchopneumonia.

For my own peace of mind, I would like you to take account of Mr CUNNINGHAM's case along with the others, and I will be pleased to assist your enquiries in any way possible. To this end I would be readily available for a personal interview in your office during most of July and August, as I will be residing in London during that period.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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C R S FARTHING

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11 July 2002

**First Class Post**

Mr C R S Farthing

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Dear Mr Farthing

**Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

I write further to your letter of 28 June 2002 regarding the death of your step father, Arthur Cunningham.

As you may be aware, following the conclusion of their investigation, Hampshire Constabulary forwarded their case papers to the GMC for us to consider whether action under our fitness to practise procedures was warranted against any individual doctors.

I am now able to confirm that, as a result of information received about Mr Cunningham's clinical management, a case against Dr Jane Barton is scheduled to be considered on 29 - 30 August 2002 at a meeting of the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee. It will be for that Committee to decide whether the doctor should be referred to the Professional Conduct Committee on a charge of serious professional misconduct.

Should the Committee decide that the case raises no issue of serious professional misconduct, they may conclude the matter by issuing a warning or advisory letter to the doctor about her future conduct, or decide to take no action. Please note that the relevant Trusts and Health Authorities have also been notified. We will write to you again after the Committee meeting to inform you of our decision.

As the Council's deliberations at this stage of our procedures is private, I would ask you not to disclose this information to any other persons.

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Dear Mr Farthing

I write further to my letter of 1 May 2007 and apologise for the delay in getting back to you.

We confirm that we are currently conducting an investigation concerning the Gosport Memorial Hospital which includes the treatment of your late step-father, Mr Cunningham.

Our Solicitors, Field Fisher Waterhouse, are conducting the investigation and Ms Sarah Ellson is the Solicitor in charge.

I will ask Miss Ellson to keep you informed of the progress of the investigation and to answer your query concerning the disclosure of information.

If you wish to contact Ms Ellson direct her contact details are:

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Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Farthing

Thank you for your letter dated 16 April 2007, which we note the contents of.

We will write to you again shortly.

Yours sincerely

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12 September, 2002

Mr C R S Farthing

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Dear Mr Farthing

I am writing to inform you, in confidence, that the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee have considered the information provided by the Hampshire Constabulary about Dr Barton. They have decided that a charge should be formulated against Dr Barton on the basis of the information, and that an inquiry into the charge should be held by the Council's Professional Conduct Committee.

No date has yet been fixed for the hearing of Dr Barton's case. It may well be necessary for a member of the GMC's solicitors to contact you in the near future in connection with the preparation of the case, and I should be grateful for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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