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Attachments: ANN KEEN re Inquiry Oct 09 doc20091016113052.pdf; "AVG certification"

Dear Charles and Norman

I attach for your information a response I received from Ann Keen regarding our request for a public inquiry. Could you let me know a little more about the arrangements for tomorrow and whether you feel it would be useful for me / someone from AvMA to be there. We want to continue to be as supportive as possible of the families affected by events at Gosport, but it would be helpful to know what input if any you wanted from us at the meeting.

Kind regards

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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your further letter of 8 September about Gosport War Memorial Hospital and the General Medical Council's (GMC's) investigation of Dr Jane Barton.

I understand that there will be a further session of the GMC hearing into Dr Barton's case in January. Depending on the outcome, there will then be a period for any appeal. Legal proceedings will not be concluded until the time for any appeal has expired with no appeal made.

As you may be aware, the coroner for Portsmouth and South East Hampshire intends to hold an inquest into the death of another of the patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The Department does not know if a date has been yet been set for the new inquest.

Given these circumstances, with the legal processes in connection with Gosport War Memorial Hospital and Dr Barton uncompleted, I consider that it would still be inappropriate to take a decision on whether there remain any matters that require further resolution. I do not therefore believe that holding a public inquiry now is an appropriate way to proceed.

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ANN KEEN

Approved by the Minister and signed electronically in her absence.