

Draft holding statement

Inquest into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

A coroner's inquest is being held into the deaths of ten patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in the late 1990's. The inquests are due to commence on 18th March 2009.

The local NHS has been working closely with HM Coroner over the last few months to ensure that all the relevant information is available to support the Coroner's investigation.

We co-operated fully with the previous four-year police investigation and with an earlier independent review by the Commission for Health Improvement.

Many procedures at Gosport War Memorial Hospital were revised as a result of the earlier enquiries. We are very confident that it provides safe, high quality care to all its patients and will continue to play an important role in local healthcare services for many years to come.