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Dear Caroline,

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Thank you for your further email of 1st May on behalf of a number of your constituents about Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH).

The deaths at GWMH were the subject of a report by Professor Richard Baker of Leicester University commissioned by the then Chief Medical Officer, Sir Liam Donaldson. Since that time, there have been a number of requests, including from MPs, for Professor Baker's report to be published. Ministers consistently took the view that it would not be appropriate to publish the report while legal proceedings into the deaths and investigations by the General Medical Council and other bodies were in progress.

As you are aware, the last of the inquests into the deaths at GWMH concluded on 18th April. The Department is now considering whether there are any remaining barriers to publication of the report -- either in full or in part -- in terms of any undertakings about confidentiality that Professor Baker may have given to witnesses when conducting his inquiry, and the provisions of the data protection legislation. The Department hopes to resolve these issues shortly.

I hope this reply is helpful.

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*PS I will keep you updated, but any further concerns
has please feel free to contact me in the lobby or e-mail
me via my private office directly at*

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