
From: DINENAGE, Caroline
Sent: 20 January 2014 17:17
To: 'paule ripley'
Subject: RE: gosport war memorial hospital

Dear Mrs Ripley,

Thank you for your email.

Firstly, please accept my sincere apologies for the errors in my letter – unfortunately, as I was relying on information which had been passed on to me I was unaware of the mistakes.

With regard to the events at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, as you know, I was not an MP at the time and very little data on this case has been passed to me nor the Department of Health. However, since my election I have continuously called for greater transparency to be brought to this case and have campaigned for the release of the Baker Report which was published in August last year. As you know, Norman Lamb MP, the Minister responsible at the Department of Health, is committed to bringing clarity to the events which occurred between 1988 and 2000. I was pleased to join him and some family members at a meeting last year, and he suggested that an inquiry panel be set up in a similar style to that used in the Hillsborough case. Following a meeting with Bishop James, the chair of the Hillsborough panel, I understand that the majority of the families are in favour of such action.

Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive list of all those affected by these events and so I have had to rely on families making themselves known to me. That is why I have endeavoured to give this issue as much media exposure as possible and have urged families to get in touch with me.

I would be more than happy to meet with you in my Gosport office to talk to you in greater detail about the progress which is being made. Please do contact my Senior Parliamentary Assistant, Glenn Duggan, who will be able to arrange an appointment.

I shall look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards
 Caroline

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From: paule ripley Code A
Sent: 17 January 2014 13:17
To: DINENAGE, Caroline
Subject: gosport war memorial hospital

Caroline, I have received your letter dated 15th Jan. 2014. Not only did you get my name wrong once - you did it twice! Firstly you addressed the letter to Mr Paule Ripley, then - in your own handwriting - you called me Mr. Riley! My Christian name is PAULE a French name. I am widow, therefore, MRS Ripley.

My husband was one of the very few who escaped from the Gosport Hospital in 2000, because I discharged him, having been told he would not last the night. I took him to the only decent hospital we had then, RNH Haslar, where he recovered, and lived another 7 years at home with me.

It appears you know little of the events of that hospital, and therefore I would have expected an appointment with an interview with you, yourself, in your Gosport office.

I therefore anticipate your reply at your earliest convenience.

PS. If you do not get my name correctly on an email, it will not reach me.

Paule Ripley (Mrs.)