

**FILE NOTE:****Telephone call from Gareth Cruddace at Gosport Strategic Health Authority.**

1. He rang me to give me some background. They didn't know about the Professor Baker audit until it was announced. The medical reports have now gone to the police, which have gone to the Crown Prosecution Service. Also from the CHI report, there is some thought that there is malfeasance of directors which is also going to the Crown Prosecution Service. The new information is a dossier raising concerns about opiates back in 1991. The two senior managers around at that time are now Chief Executives of the local PCT. They have been temporarily re-deployed depending on further investigation. The doctor is voluntarily not prescribing opiates. The nurses are being taken through the disciplinary procedure.

2. They had wished to put a management enquiry of the two current Chief Executives of the PCTs in place and have prepared terms of reference. However, Professor Sir Liam Donaldson had said he wanted to have an independent inquiry and for them not to go ahead with the management inquiry. Lord Hunt has had a discussion with Professor Sir Liam Donaldson and it has been agreed that CHI will be asked to go back. We have not yet received the request. I told Mr Cruddace that we were waiting on this. He agreed to send me the management terms of reference and I said we would have a conversation with him when we had had the request formally in from the Secretary of State.

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