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Dear Mr Aston

**CHI INVESTIGATION OF THE GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Thank-you for your letter of 19 September 2002. I am aware that you also wrote to Dr Tony Luxton on 21 September. Dr Luxton has asked me to reply to this letter also.

I note your comments regarding the apparent inconsistencies in the BNF and other publications over recent years regarding prescribing in palliative care. One of CHI's findings as outlined on page 19 of the published report is the inappropriate use of palliative care guidelines for patients admitted for rehabilitation, rather than terminal care.

I would wish to assure you that CHI was supported in this investigation by three clinical experts, including Dr Tony Luxton. This expertise included Professor Gary Ford, Professor of Pharmacology.

Yours sincerely

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