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FOR INFORMATION / COMMENT

Dear Colleagues

Please note that there was an article re: GWMH in The News (Portsmouth) on 3 January 2003. The article related to the comments made by Peter Viggers MP in the Houses of Parliament on 19 December 2002 (see my previous email of 20 December 2002 for the extract from Hansard).

At the time, I commented that the MP's statement might not be viewed as sympathetic to the families and to the need to investigate these matters fully.

The article, under the headline "MP sparks hospital row", focuses on these very issues. It also quotes Alexander Harris solicitors as saying that "far from the matter being closed the appropriate authorities have confirmed that they are continuing their enquiries".

Please contact me if you would like further details (but note that I do not have a 'clean' copy that I can fax to you).

Kind regards

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