

RESTRICTED - INVESTIGATION**Code A** HSD-PC

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Code A**SUSPICIOUS DEATHS AT GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

1. I have seen **Code A** minute of 19th June 2001.
2. I am concerned that action to protect patients should be well co-ordinated at local level. Indications are that there has been no application to the Tribunal and everything has been left with the GMC to consider whether to suspend.
3. Are we confident that all appropriate action has been taken? Past experience has taught that a great deal of pressure has to be exerted centrally before these issues are gripped.
4. The system of dealing with poor performance in primary care is likely to be under the spotlight when the CHI Report on Dr Green is published, which is very scathing indeed. Also the public hearings of the Shipman Inquiry have now commenced.
5. Could I ask you to review progress as a matter of urgency?

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