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Dear Peter

I am writing to inquire if the Commission can assist us locally with an inquiry. The circumstances are that a complaint was made to the police by relatives of a patient who died in Gosport War Memorial Hospital. That complaint has led to the police involving the GMC in respect of a particular clinician and the levelling of further complaints from other relatives that are under investigation by the police.

We are anxious to re-establish public confidence in the services for older people provided at this hospital and would like to initiate an external review in the early autumn focusing on the clinical governance arrangements within this service. The review, however, should not concern itself with the specific circumstances of the complaints as these are being investigated through other channels.

I should be grateful if you would advise if this is an area in which CHI can assist us.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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