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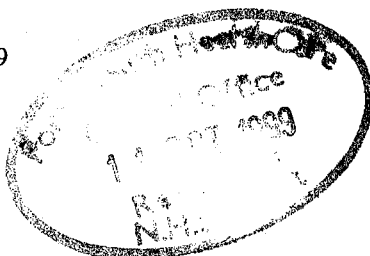
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Dear Sir,

Gladys Mable RICHARDS

You may recall that police officers from Gosport Police Station sought your assistance regarding enquiries which were being made following the death, on the 21st August 1998, of Gladys RICHARDS who had been receiving treatment at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I would like to advise you that, following a review of the police investigation which was carried out, I have been appointed to re-examine the case and, where appropriate, gather further evidence to enable the matter to be subjected to further consideration.

There is one particular matter that I would like to seek your assistance with at the outset. I would like to take possession of the medical notes relating to Gladys RICHARDS. At this stage I am particularly interested in the period which embraces her fall at the Nursing Home in Lee on Solent on the 29th July 1998 and culminates in her death on the 21st August 1998.

I am not familiar with the conventions and practices governing the compilation of such notes but I imagine that details of observations made and treatment given, together with the rationale for taking such action, would be recorded.



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I understand the underlying sensitivity associated with the release of this documentation and I would welcome your advice on who to approach and what steps I must take to properly seek and obtain the information which I require.

Yours faithfully,

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Ray BURT
Detective Chief Inspector