## Message

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Dear all,

I wanted to thank those of you who have met with me over the last month and to give you a quick update of where we are with next steps.

You made very clear that the process of trying to find out what happened at Gosport War Memorial Hospital had been very distressing as well as unsatisfactory.

Obviously we need to look at all the options for further action. I am very aware of how long this has gone on and we need action that is speedy rather than long drawn out and brings forward clear conclusions.

As I said during our meetings there are various options we need to explore, including a Hillsborough panel style approach that we discussed at the meeting. I am meeting with those involved in the Hillsborough process and once I have fuller advice on what this, or any other option, may involve I will be keen to meet again to discuss this in more detail.

I am sorry I am not able to offer a fuller update at this stage and fully understand how frustrating it is for you that progress has been so slow, however I can reassure you that I want to take real action and unfortunately it takes time to work through these complicated and important matters. I will be in touch again soon once more concrete proposals have been developed.

Yours sincerely,

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