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Dear Mr and Mrs Farthing,

I'm writing in relation to our meeting in September on Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) and Professor Richard Baker's report. Many thanks again for your time and effort in coming to discuss the issue with me.

At the meeting we talked about what options there are for getting the information on what happened at GWMH out in the open, making it possible for people to be held to account and, hopefully, helping you and your families to get a sense of closure.

I mentioned that one potential option is a panel investigation approach, along the lines of the Hillsborough Independent Panel which investigated the Hillsborough disaster. I hope I'm right in saying that you were tentatively positive about this option.

Since the meeting my officials have been doing further research into the various options, including the panel investigation approach. I have met with Bishop James Jones, formerly the Bishop of Liverpool, who chaired the Hillsborough Independent Panel. He was extremely helpful in describing what they did there and how their experience might help us.

The Bishop has suggested that it might be useful for him to come down to Gosport to meet - without me - with yourself and other families and interested parties. This would enable you to discuss with him the pros and cons of the approach taken by the Hillsborough Independent Panel, how that method of investigation worked and whether it is a route that you would like us to go down for GWMH.

The Bishop will come to Gosport on 21st November, if you and others would like to meet with him. Would you be able to reply to [Code A] to let us know if you would like to be part of that meeting?

If you would like to have a meeting but that date isn't possible for you, please let me know and we will look at alternatives.

With best regards,

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