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## Briefing to GP practices Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust

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As a result of further information which has come to light in the last few days relating to Gosport War Memorial Hospital, it has been agreed that Ian Piper and Tony Home will be temporarily re-deployed from their duty as Chief Executives of Fareham and Gosport PCT and East Hampshire PCT. The Strategic Health Authority and the Directorate of Health and Social Care have taken the decision because both Ian and Tony had management responsibility within the organisations which managed the hospital at the time concerned.

This is clearly going to be a difficult time for Ian, and for his friends and colleagues throughout the organisation. This situation adds to the challenges we must face as a new and developing PCT but I continue to have every confidence in the dedicated and hard work of everyone in the organisation. I am sure we will continue to provide excellent health care services for our patients and the local people of Gosport and Fareham.

We have a number of new and exciting opportunities and projects emerging and although these will undoubtedly add to the pressures, we should continue to remain proud and confident of our PCT.

I have asked Alan Pickering to be Acting Chief Executive for the Trust and he has accepted.

Should you have any concerns, or wish to speak to anyone about this latest development please ring Gordon Sommerville on Code A

With best wishes from

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Lucy Docherty, Chair