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Dear GPs/Practice Managers ✓

I am writing to inform you that at 1pm today Professor Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, announced that he has commissioned a clinical audit of the services at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, which were reviewed by the Commission for Health Improvement.

Professor Richard Baker from the Clinical Governance Research and Development Unit of Leicester University will lead the audit.

We welcome this audit as an opportunity to ensure that all possible investigation has happened at the Hospital, and to confirm the findings of the recent CHI investigation which had some serious concerns about services in 1998 but concluded that policies and procedures are now in place to ensure safe standards of care at the hospital.

We are pleased that an acknowledged national expert, Professor Richard Baker, has been asked to undertake this audit and we will be giving him every support.

We sympathise with the relatives and recognise that people have unanswered questions. We hope that the outcome of this audit will provide the definitive answers that relatives, NHS Staff and the people of Gosport are looking for.

It is also likely that an article will appear in the Sunday Times this weekend.

Ian Piper
 Chief Executive
 Friday 13 September