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Dear Mr Millett,

Re: Mrs Gladys RICHARDS

Further to my letter of the 10th November 2000. I thought it might be helpful if I clarified my request for you to ensure that all medical / health records, of persons who have died whilst being treated at the War Memorial Hospital (Gosport), and other hospitals and places of care for which the Trust has a responsibility, are retained pending the outcome of the police investigation into the death of Mrs Gladys Richards. Such material should include death registers, discharge books, pharmacy records, ward registers, x ray files and controlled drugs registers for each ward or place of treatment.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this and my earlier request and, subject of course to your views, confirm how you have responded to it. In order to avoid any future problems, which may arise, it would also be helpful for me to know the date when instructions were / are given to the Trust's staff to suspend routine file / record destruction policies / procedures.

Yours faithfully,

R.J. Burt
Detective Chief Inspector

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