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 FW: OP ROCHESTER ACTION REVIEW.

Dear All..  
 For information..  
 The action review highlights the broad areas that we will continue to pursue, and indicates how we intend to deal the many outstanding doctors and nurses previously actioned but yet to be seen. DW.

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**From:** Williams, David (DCI)  
**Sent:** 02 July 2004 15:49  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** OP ROCHESTER ACTION REVIEW.

SW.  
 As discussed.For your approval.  
 DW.



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## OPERATION ROCHESTER.

Action Review Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004.

Conducted by DCI WILLIAMS and Code A

The purpose of this review was to closely examine the content of all outstanding actions and to reconsider their 'viability' status having regard to the direction of the investigation, other relevant information available and requirements of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act.

### Completed Actions.

To date 414 OP ROCHESTER actions have been completed and signed off, including the interview and statementing of 153 nurses.

### Allocated Actions.

305 Actions remain allocated to the enquiry team as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004.  
Particular areas highlighted for continued priority investigation relate to:-

- Evidencing the process of certification of death.
- Evidencing syringe driver training.
- Establishing the nature of complaints made to GWMH during relevant periods.
- Locating missing prescription charts/drug charts for particular patients.
- Exhumations.
- Pursuing a particular allegation made by Jill PARKINSON of staff attempting to smother her mother, a patient.
- 83 actions have been raised in respect of patient Elsie DEVINE one of the cases to be fast tracked to the CPS. Most have been raised from her medical notes, and relate to the interview of approximately 30 healthcare professionals in respect of the care afforded to her during a relevant period prior to her death.

187 general actions have been raised and remain allocated, to interview and statement Gosport War Memorial hospital nurses employed between 1988 and 2000, in respect of any concerns that they may have over diamorphine/syringe driver training/misuse. Given that a considerable number of nurses (153) have already been statemented in this respect the Deputy SIO does not consider that the further personal interview of 187 further staff is an effective use of investigators time given the competing demands of fast-tracking four particular cases to the CPS.

Decision. Once all actions have been identified and raised in respect of the 3B cases to be fast-tracked the remaining staff will be sent letters outlining the general nature of the investigation, asking staff to return information to the investigation via stamp addressed envelope. A decision will then be taken in respect of necessity to personally interview and statement further nursing staff.

Actions for Allocation.

237 actions appear in the for allocation queue.

29 of these actions relate to the ongoing priority investigation into the death of Elsie DEVINE.

93 of the actions relate to the death of Thomas JARMAN (Classification 3A) and can be pended whilst 3B investigations are ongoing.

84 actions relate to the proposed interview and statementing of doctors serving at the Gosport War memorial Hospital between 1988 and 2000.

Decision. Once all actions have been identified and raised in respect of the fast track 3B cases, consideration will be given to writing to the remaining doctors asking them to return information to the investigation via stamp addressed envelope. A decision will then be taken in respect of necessity to interview and statement further doctors.

A particular action in relation to maintenance of drug registers and statementing of Pharmacists will need to be pursued.

Action to statement Professor BAKER with regard to his report will need to be pursued.

Action to obtain transcripts of previous GMC Interim Order Committee hearings in respect of Dr BARTON will need to be pursued.

Referred Actions.

To date 67 actions have been referred, many of these are names of nursing staff that have been incorrectly provided, are nursing staff that have previously been interviewed under caution, or are staff that have been identified as providing information of doubtful relevance regarding individual cases that at this moment in time do not warrant further investigation.

DW.  
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