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Dear Superintendent James

Further to your letter of 5th February 2002, to Mr Millett regarding Police enquiries at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and our subsequent discussion, we are considering within the Trust what further appropriate action we need to take as the employer of the staff named in the three reports commissioned by the Police.

In the course of this we have identified several inaccuracies in the text of one of the reports (that from Professor Ford). I am quite sure that these are to do with a misreading of the draft when finally being typed up, but given that the GMC and UKCC, along with ourselves, are considering individual staff on the basis of these reports, I felt that I should write highlighting the points so that they can be corrected:

❖ **Page 17, paragraph 3.13, fourth sentence**

This reads “poor assessment by Dr. Lord”

However in view of the subsequent sentence (which reads that “the assessment by Dr Lord was thorough and competent”) and of the context of the patient’s medical notes (where there is a comprehensive note by Dr Lord but only four lines by Dr Barton), we assume that this should read “poor assessment by Dr Barton”.

❖ **Page 21, paragraph 4.1, line seven**

This reads “..

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The G.P. letter

❖ **Page 26, paragraph 5.5**

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This lists the dates of prescriptions as in September, whereas the prescription chart for the patient shows them as in October.

❖ **Page 27, paragraph 5.9, line one**

This reads as “Code A”

This should read “October”. The patient was admitted on 22 September and was not an in-patient on 15 September.

In paragraph 5.9 there is a reference to Mr Wilson having been seen by the “on-call Doctor”. The on-call Doctor concerned was Dr A C Knapnan.

❖ **Page 34, paragraph 6.16, final sentence**

This reads “... was likely to have resulted could have resulted...”

We assume that only one of these statements is meant to be there.

Yours sincerely

Code A

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cc: GMC
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