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Dear Ms Smith

Re: Mr Phillip BEED, Margaret COUCHMAN and Christine JOICE

I am writing following my letter to you of the 14th August 2001, concerning the above named. You will note that this correspondence refers to other matters that may concern the above named which the police were investigating to determine whether or not a more intensive police investigation should be commenced.

In the case of those preliminary investigations reports were commissioned from two other professionals. The further reports comment upon the death of Gladys RICHARDS in August 1998, of which you have previous knowledge and four other patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. On receipt of those reports we have concluded that we will not be conducting any further enquiries. That decision is subject to review should further substantial evidence become available.

I have personally reviewed all three reports commissioned by the police in respect of patient deaths at Gosport War memorial Hospital. These reports are enclosed for your attention.

The reports raise a number of very serious concerns about the adequacy of medical care delivered by doctors and nursing staff at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Particularly the reports of Professor FORD and Professor LIVESLEY concerning the care delivered to Gladys RICHARDS are critical of both clinical and nursing care. The three nurses named in this letter were involved in delivering nursing care to Mrs RICHARDS.



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I believe that the reports provide information, which should be disclosed, to you as the regulatory body for the named individuals. It is on that basis after advice from our Force solicitor that I am forwarding the reports to you.

I should also advise you that I will be advising relevant relatives of the patient's subject of the reports that the reports have been forward to you for your consideration.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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