

**Saunders, Hazel**

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**From:** Whalen, Tania  
**Sent:** 13 January 2004 11:09  
**To:** Code A  
**Subject:** FW: GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Code A - if you could please pass onto Mr Readhead this request. I spoke to Mr Watts MA and he is unavailable.

Would the Deputy consider it appropriate to speak to Meridian? I have spoken to the journalist concerned and their line is that they have been contacted by the families and they are not happy with how the enquiry is going and not happy that statements haven't been taken from them.

They would like to interview someone regarding how we feel investigation is going and how do you respond to family concerns.

And what stage the investigation is at?

I have provided them with our statement. I would question whether we do need to do an interview with Meridian as we have quite firmly and robustly set out our position on this in the statement which they are free to use. However I will leave the decision with the DCC.

Could you please email me an answer either way,

Kind regards

Tania

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pate, Andrew [mailto:Code A]  
**Sent:** 13 January 2004 10:39  
**To:** Whalen, Tania  
**Subject:** GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

RE: GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Hi Tania,

I appreciate D.C.S. Steve Watts is unavailable over the next few days.

However we would be keen to do an interview with him, or another Hampshire Police representative, at some point over the next few weeks.

Thankyou very much for the statment from D.C.C. Ian Readhead.

Andrew Pate  
(Meridian TV)

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