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The Airedale Hospital Inquiry published on 8 June 2010 uncovered numerous failings and as a result, also identified important lessons for the Trust and NHS more widely, which are as relevant today as they were for the period under investigation (2000 to 2002). Can the minister therefore explain why the patients and relatives of those people admitted to Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1989 and 2000 have been denied an inquiry under the Inquiries Act despite evidence of failings by the NHS, police (upheld complaints by Gillian), doctors and nurses, which have left people genuinely mistrustful of public services? Will the minister of the new government agree to meet with interested parties and consider the merits of an inquiry into what went on at Gosport and how the NHS and other public bodies can learn from those mistakes at the time?

The CHRE is the regulator of the regulators. Harry Cayton, CEO, has expressed privately to me, deep concern about the Nursing and Midwifery Council which was subject to an investigation two years ago after board members blew the whistle. They were considering whether to launch a new investigation, partly because of the ongoing debacle about Gosport nurses, but also because there were so many complaints about their performance. It would be useful to write to him asking for an update about this possible investigation and mention that Gillian is still receiving a highly unsatisfactory service.

NMC

Can you please update me about the progress the NMC has made investigating the complaints into nurses who worked alongside Dr Jane Barton, recently found guilty of serious professional misconduct, at Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1989 and 2000? Can you please tell me when the public can expect to know when, or if, any of the nurses are to face a fitness to practice hearing?

Can you please explain to me whether the case of Gladys Richards, mother of my constituent Gillian Mckenzie, has been taken forward by the NMC, and if not, why not?