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Dear Margaret

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I write to update you with the progress made over the last couple of weeks, and to explain further the work that we are continuing to do on your behalf. .

We have agreed to act as a conduit between the police, the GMC and those families whom we represent. We have now received many consent forms, detailing those investigations which you feel should take priority. The general consensus appears to be that a police investigation has your full support. It is apparent that the majority of people wish proceedings to be brought before the GMC and Nursing and Midwifery Council, but only after the conclusion of any criminal investigation, so as not to jeopardise a criminal prosecution by bringing evidence into the public domain.

May I reassure you that, although the preparation for bringing a case before the GMC can continue alongside a police investigation, it will stop short of hearing actual proceedings until the conclusion of any criminal case.

As you know, I had a very successful meeting with officers from Hampshire Constabulary last week. As promised, I enclose a summarised transcript of the meeting. I have, today, written to ask for assurance that the police will be taking statements from those people whose names and addresses we supplied to them.

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Code A and I have decided to divide the work up between us, so that **Code A** will be dealing with the GMC, and I shall be liaising with the police.

As soon as we hear further from the police or the GMC, we shall be in contact with you.

As always, if you have any queries, or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact any member of our team.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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