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Dear Lt. Cmdr. Farthing,

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

My name is Ian Piper and I am writing to you as Chief Executive of the recently created Fareham and Gosport Primary Care Trust (PCT). As you may be aware, this PCT took over the responsibility for running Gosport War Memorial Hospital from the Portsmouth HealthCare Trust on 1st April, 2002.

I am aware of your anxieties and concerns regarding the care provided at the hospital, which have been clearly articulated in the recent media coverage, and am keen to help resolve issues openly and honestly. I believe it will be mutually beneficial if Lucy Docherty (the lay Chair of the PCT) and I meet you at the Trust offices at Fareham Reach to clarify the issues you feel remain outstanding, to listen to your concerns, and to explore ways in which the Primary Care Trust can help.

I can imagine how frustrated and distressed you must feel at the moment and I want to ensure that the PCT is doing as much as it can to help you. I hope you agree it would be beneficial for us to meet; please contact my Personal Assistant, **Code A** on **Code A** **Code A** in order to arrange a convenient time.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future and listening to your concerns first hand.

Yours sincerely, ✓

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Ian Piper
Chief Executive