

## Special Cases & Multi Party Actions Unit

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**Code A**  
Eligibility and Scope,  
Zone B, 4.18.

Our Ref: 68b/017/09/117-mac  
Your Ref:

**DX 152380 Westminster 8**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Dear **Code A**

**Re. Exceptional Funding Recommendation (Inquest)**  
Gillian MacKenzie  
Gladys Richards Deceased  
Gosport Hospital

### Timing

An Inquest is due to take place over 14 days commencing on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

### Summary Recommendation

- That the Minister approves funding of **Code A** pro-rata based on a 10 day inquest, and that the grant is backdated to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009
- That the LSC's Special Cases Unit is authorised to control further costs in this case.

### Background

The history is set out in the updated attachment accompanying the letter from the solicitors dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The application was originally submitted in 2009 with other applications relating to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) Inquest but did not proceed as the deceased's inquest did not form part of the GWMH Inquest. The GWMH Inquest was funded under a grant made by the then Minister. It now appears that the deceased's inquest is proceeding and has been listed for 10 days commencing 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

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### **Date from which funding should be made available**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

### **Table of costs claimed by the solicitors**

See attachment in support of application sent with letter of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### **Table of recommended costs for advocacy by SCU**

As above

### **Reasons for any difference**

None

### **Is the case suitable for future case management to be delegated to SCU?**

Yes.

Yours faithfully,

**John Baker**  
**Solicitor**  
**Senior Case Manager**