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Thank you for your further correspondence concerning the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Now that the inquest has concluded, there are still a number of outstanding issues:

- The GMC inquiry into Dr Barton
- a decision by the police to see if any fresh evidence has come to light to warrant their investigation being re-opened; and
- publication of specialist reports, such as that by Prof. Black

The final step can only be taken once the first two have been concluded, but I do think it is important for the families that this happens.

I appreciate that for the families the decision in five out of the ten cases that the use of the medication was a factor in the death does not bring the closure they are looking for. Equally, given the extensive police investigation to date, I am not certain that there will be sufficient new evidence to re-open the case. I appreciate that this would be an unsatisfactory outcome for the families, but I am not sure that any other route is available that will bring them the peace that they need.

Yours sincerely