

Noel, Beatrice

From: Horsley, David
Sent: 17 February 2015 09:13
To: 'Charles Farthing'
Cc: Noel, Beatrice; Bolton, Sophie
Subject: RE: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Farthing,

If you send in a cheque payable to HM Coroner for £10, my office should be able to meet your request. It will not be possible to extract just the evidence of your father's inquest as all of the inquests were, as you know, held jointly.

Please also be aware that the recordings are not the legal record of the inquests, the legal record being a written transcript prepared by the Coroner.

David C Horsley, LL.B, Solicitor
HM Senior Coroner
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

From: Charles Farthing [Code A]
Sent: 16 February 2015 16:13
To: Horsley, David
Subject: Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Horsley,

As one of the family members involved in the ongoing enquiry into the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, I have heard that it may be possible to obtain from you a CD of the 2009 inquest proceedings concerning my step-father, Arthur Denis Brian Cunningham.

The cost, I understand, is £10 which can be paid by bank transfer or cheque, whichever you prefer.

Kind regards,

Charles Farthing

----- Original Message -----

From: [Horsley, David](#)
To: [Charles Farthing](#)
Cc: [Andrew Bradley \(E-mail\)](#)
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2008 4:52 AM
Subject: RE: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Farthing,

I hope you'll appreciate that I'm not in a position to give you that advice.

As I explained, we did try very hard in the public inquiry direction but without any success, despite a face-to-face meeting at the Ministry of Justice in London. The reason for the refusal was that there were no matters of national importance involved.

Prior to that, I tried to pursue with the CPS why no prosecutions were being undertaken in respect of the Gosport deaths. I understand the CPS decided not to prosecute on the advice of leading Counsel. I did ask the CPS for sight of Counsel's advice on a number of occasions but they declined to let me see it. There was nothing I was able to do about this as a Coroner has no legal power to force the CPS to divulge this sort of information.

If you consider it worthwhile pursuing matters along the lines of what you say in your email, that is for you to decide and I have no objection to your doing so.

David C. Horsley
H.M. Coroner
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Farthing [Code A]

Sent: 24 November 2008 11:25

To: Horsley, David

Cc: Coroner (Basingstoke)

Subject: Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Horsley,

Thank you for the two email received this morning, albeit that one was intended for Mr Bradley.

It is certainly helpful to know that you have tried to instigate a Public Hearing but puzzling, to say the least, as to why it was turned down flat.

Clearly, justice is being suppressed in this case as I always suspected after my interview with the CPS, and I would be grateful for any advice you could give me to enable the wider issues to be heard at a Public Enquiry at some stage. Would it be appropriate, for example, for me to approach my MP (a Tory) with a view to him taking on the Justice Minister for a full explanation, or is there some better way that I could be involved?

With kind regards,

Charles Farthing

----- Original Message -----

From: [Horsley, David](#)

To: [Code A]

Sent: Monday, November 24, 2008 9:21 AM

Subject: FW: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Farthing,

Apologies regarding my previous email. It was intended for Mr Bradley rather than yourself but I clicked on the wrong button on the PC. However, you'll no doubt be interested in what I said.

Hampshire Police, Hampshire County Council and I all tried to persuade the government to hold a public inquiry into the deaths but there was no interest

whatsoever. Neither was the government prepared to assist with any additional funding for the Inquests.

David C. Horsley
H.M. Coroner
Portsmouth & South East Hampshire

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Farthing [Code A]
Sent: 22 November 2008 13:04
To: Coroner (Basingstoke)
Cc: Horsley, David
Subject: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr Bradley,

Thank you for your reply which falls well short of my expectations.

With all due respect, I am aware that Inquests are not a Public Enquiry, and fully understand that it is your duty to decide the cause of death only, assisted by a jury as deemed appropriate. However, you need to be aware that Mr Cunningham's death was one of five that were thoroughly investigated at **an early stage** by Dr K Mundy and Prof G Ford under the auspices of Inspector James of Hampshire Police, and that their reports formed the basis for the subsequent damning assessment by the Commission for Health Improvement.

I therefore feel very strongly, that these reports form a vital element in establishing the true cause of death, something that can never be properly determined without full information being available to the jury. It has been patently clear for some time that a blatant cover-up has been perpetrated by the various authorities involved, and I am afraid that that situation will continue unless the information previously requested by me is released.

I am aware also that you have the authority to direct the various agencies to make all information available in order for a correct decision to be made, and would ask for re-consideration of my request as the information provided thus far is incomplete, inadequate and **could very well be misleading** if the full picture is not visible.

On the question of a Public Enquiry, I would also ask if this was ever considered to be a more appropriate way forward, and why it is that that course is not being pursued now??

With kind regards,

Charles Farthing

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