

Horsley, David

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From: Murray, Karen [Code A]  
 Sent: 25 June 2007 13:20  
 To: Horsley, David  
 Subject: RE: Operation Rochester - Meeting at Ministry of Justice

David, the 13th is favourite although at a pinch either will be okay.

Regards,  
 Karen.

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From: Horsley, David [mailto:Code A]  
 Sent: 25 June 2007 12:02  
 To: Murray, Karen; Code A  
 Subject: Operation Rochester - Meeting at Ministry of Justice

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David C. Horsley  
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**From:** Horsley, David  
**Sent:** 22 June 2007 15:44  
**To:** 'Huntingford, Keith'  
**Subject:** RE: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

Thank you, Keith.

13 July looks good for me but I'll need to check with the others.  
 I'll get back to you on Monday.

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

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

**From:** Huntingford, Keith [mailto:Code A]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2007 15:22  
**To:** Horsley, David  
**Cc:** Bernstein, Judith; Patterson, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

David

Can you please let me know in due course if any of the following dates/times would be suitable for this meeting?

Thursday 5th July (between 1330-1400hrs)  
 Friday 13th July (between 10-1230 or 1400-1630hrs)  
 Monday 16th July (between 1000-1230hrs)

Many thanks  
 Keith

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**From:** Horsley, David [mailto:Code A]  
**Sent:** 22 June 2007 08:45  
**To:** Huntingford, Keith  
**Subject:** FW: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

Hello Keith.

I'm attaching for your information a copy of an email I've just sent to Judith.

Can you please give me a "window" of convenient dates, please ?

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David.

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

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**From:** Horsley, David

**Sent:** 22 June 2007 08:38

**To:** 'Bernstein, Judith'

**Cc:** [redacted] Code A [redacted] Karen Murray (E-mail)

**Subject:** RE: Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

Thank you very much, Judith.

The Assistant Chief Constable of Hampshire, Steve Watts, has also expressed an interest in attending. He was involved in Operation Rochester from the very early days. I'm assuming there'd be no objection to this ?

I'd also like to ask along a representative of Hampshire County Council to attend, please, because of the potentially enormous resource implications of running 10, let alone 92, Inquests.

I look forward to receiving some suggested dates for the meeting. I agree that a 2-hour slot seems sensible. I'll co-ordinate attendance from this end. Please could you let me know who the attendees from the various government departments involved are likely to be ?

Best wishes,  
David.

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

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

**From:** Bernstein, Judith [mailto:[redacted]]

Code A

**Sent:** 20 June 2007 17:56

**To:** Horsley, David

**Cc:** Huntingford, Keith; [redacted] Code A [redacted] Harris, Paul; Patterson, Brian

**Subject:** Deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport Hampshire

David

We spoke yesterday about this case. You had written to Paul Harris on 15 June indicating

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that you would be making an application to the Lord Chancellor under section 15 of the Coroners Act 1988 but now thought that there might be another course of action, perhaps a public inquiry.

I mentioned to you that I had spoken to Colin Phillips leads on inquiries and inquiries at the Department of Health (phone number [Code A]). Colin is familiar indeed with the case and advised that DH had ruled out holding a public inquiry.

We agreed that it would be helpful to meet to discuss the case in the round and consider the most appropriate course of action. You would like to bring DS David Williams to the meeting.

I will have Keith Huntingford arrange a meeting here in the next few weeks. I would have thought it sensible to book a 2 hour slot but we may finish before then.,

Kind regards

Judith

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