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Mr A Bradley HM Coroner for Hampshire Goldings London Road Basingstoke RG21 4AN

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Dear Mr Bradley

Gosport Inquests

Thank you for your letter of 26 January and your helpful comments.

In the meantime I would be grateful if you would consider a number of further points. I apologise for writing again, but these items arose from a recent review with our client.

- 1. I have been given a bundle of papers from the Police which I understand has also been disclosed to yourself. Essentially these are the prescription charts. However there is a summary single resume sheet at the front which has been given by the Police as a summary of each case. I have to say that our preliminary review of this document gives us some concern as to its accuracy and perhaps you would confirm that it is not your intention to release this document to other interested parties or indeed to put it before the Jury. No doubt we can consider this further in due course.
- 2. I understand that there are 2 additional witness statements from Dr Reid which he gave to the Police under a caution which amount to several ring binders. I believe these refer to the patients Packman and Spurgin. Have you had access to these? What is your intention with regard to Dr Reid, is he only to give evidence on the 2 cases upon which he is so far listed?
- 3. I am grateful to you for your observations on the expert evidence and for the helpful comments from Dr Wilcock which are clear about his experience and reports. My only outstanding question is whether you intend to write to the experts to brief them before they give evidence on the relevant questions and considerations you will require them to comment on to the Jury? I wonder if that might be helpful so the experts are clear as to what is expected of them in terms of how and by what means these patients met their deaths? If you could copy me in on any correspondence that would be extremely helpful.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible and if I can help or assist you in anyway do not hesitate to contact me.

Once again thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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