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Dear Simon

As requested, please find enclosed a copy of the information that was passed to the PCT yesterday.

I have read the papers and have also been in contact with some of the managers named in the papers to see if they have any recollection of the events and the outcome, but have so far drawn a blank.

The papers do end in late 1991 with notes of a meeting held on 17 December at which all staff on the ward were involved and a conclusion appears to have been drawn.

I think we must somehow resist the temptation to judge events in 1991, ie pre clinical governance with today's post clinical governance knowledge and be positive that at the time, staff did raise concerns in 1991 and that an open process of dealing with the issues with all staff was undertaken. I am not sure why this information was not shared as part of the CHI investigation.

I have spoken with Lucy about these papers and she is very clear that the PCT needs to retain the decision making power associated with this information.

A decision is needed about when this information is shared with others, eg CHI, Police, GMC etc and with Dr B, which we think needs to be sooner rather than later.

I have shared a copy with Tony Horne and will be meeting the former Fareham and Gosport Community Services Manager today.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that no further copies of the information are made at the SHA.

A PCT meeting is being held today at 2.00 pm at which this issue will be discussed again and any comments you have once you have read the documents would be appreciated.

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Thank you for your continued support, it is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive  
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