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Dear Peter

Thank you for writing to me on 18<sup>th</sup> November concerning the state of affairs in Gosport.

I appreciate the enormous pressure under which Gosport doctors, and in fact some of the doctors in Fareham, are practising and I assure you of my willingness to assist them whenever the need might arise.

I would resist the concept of using the Occupational Health Service for this very particular problem, since I do not believe it literally forms part of the occupational health arrangements. I would also be concerned about too close an association between such services and the PCT commissioning them.

May I suggest that the best course of action would be for GPs who feel the need for any sort of support to be able to contact the LMC and I will arrange for counselling, or other treatments as may be necessary, in a totally anonymous manner and will negotiate to get this funded by the PCT by direct payment. I would also hope to have this organised outside the immediate area.

I wonder if you would do me the favour of speaking to your partner Tony Knapman, who I believe is presently the Chairman of the Gosport War Memorial Medical Committee, and offer my involvement (should he find it useful) to either come down and speak to the doctors in the area or indeed to write with my suggestions on support to all Gosport War Memorial GPs directly.

Thank you for your concern. I look forward to helping in the future, if that is required.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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 Chief Executive