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Dear Bob

I am not sure if you are aware of what is going on in Gosport regarding the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Every night last week in The News several pages were devoted to an aspect on the Gosport War Memorial investigation, in particular Ann Alexander the solicitor involved got a huge photo of her face including the mole on the left side of her nose!

Obviously <sup>and</sup> now that it has spread to 57 patients it may well involve quite a few general practitioners in the town, although Jane has been incredibly robust and resilient, I am pretty sure that many other GPs would not be as robust as her.

Unfortunately there appears to be no occupational health service at the Gosport & Fareham PCT to help doctors who are having problems. I was wondering if you could chase them up and ensure that money is available to provide help if it is required next year. Morale I think amongst the doctors here will plummet.

Tony Evans was telling me the other day that he was doing a session for FARGODOC, based at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, and when a patient was invited to come down and see him her reply was "you are not one of those Gosport War Memorial doctors are you"? I think it is going to be quite difficult to attract doctors to come and work in the town, and I am already having patients come and discuss with me whether their relatives that died on Daedalus ward, died as a result of criminal activity.

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I think it would be useful if the GPs of the 57 patients who died were informed as soon as possible as to whether these GPs were involved with these patients. This would lift a cloud off the GPs who were not in the frame, and perhaps help the ones who are in the frame to concentrate their minds to the legal problems ahead. I do not know whether you could put some pressure on Alan Pickering to get this sorted out.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

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