

Portsmouth City **NHS**  
Primary Care Trust

Finchdean House  
Milton Road  
Portsmouth  
Hants  
PO3 6DP

Switchboard 023 9283 8340

Fax 023 9273 3292

Direct Line: **Code A**

27 September 2002

Dr R Button  
Chief Executive  
Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & SE Hampshire LMC  
59 Tower Street  
Winchester  
S023 8TA

RB	CD	AF	JS
ACTION			
4 - OCT 2002			
INFO			
LIMS		FILE	

**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Bob,

**Performance Screening Group**

You will recall that a Performance Screening Group was convened last June under the joint LMC, CHC, HA "Procedure for Identification and Support of Primary Care Medical Practitioners whose Performance is giving Cause for Concern".

We compiled a Report that concluded with a recommendation that the matter did not need to be referred to a Performance Referral Panel, that Dr Barton should be told this and that a definite copy should be retained and made available, if needed and/or appropriate, given the agreement of the 3 authors or their successors in law.

I have been approached by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Health Authority with a request to release the Report to them, to be held by the Director of the Public Health. It is argued that the Report contains pertinent information to the new and reopened line of enquiry being followed in relation to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I believe that the Report would be of background interest only and will help the appropriate people recognise that relevant procedures were put in place in a timely fashion. I am content to release the Report, which I still hold. Are you content to give your approval to release it?

**Code A**

wishes.

Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones  
Director Improving Health & Quality

**Code A**

Bob,  
we spoke and I understand the rationale for not releasing the whole of it. I will carefully select the bits that relate to information gathered in the course of HA work and not release anything that is "comment" or "interpretation".

**Code A**