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Dear All

Gosport Inquests Update

The Inquests have begun! Day one had some controversial elements to it, with the Coroner refusing to disclose the Professor Baker report even to the interested parties, and stating that no report existed from Professor Forrest which could be disclosed and refusing to call him as a witness.

A revised Witness Schedule and Notes of Day 1 and Day 2 are attached for your information. (We are grateful to John White at Blake Laphorn for these).

Other News:

- 1 Attached is a response we have received from the GMC to my query as to why restrictions were placed on Dr Barton's practice last year, and not before.
- 2 We have still not received a response to our Freedom of Information request to the Chief Medical Officer for release of Professor Baker's report. (In the light of the Coroner's comments, this is unlikely to be released until after the Inquest).
- 3 If you have not seen it yet, you may be interested in an article published by the Independent on Sunday on 15th March. AvMA worked closely with the Independent leading up to this article. Follow this link for the online version <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/gosport-hospital-deaths-whos-to-blame-1645354.html>

Request for Information:

We would like to hear from any families who complained to the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) about any of the nurses at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, and have correspondence they can share with us about this.

Yours sincerely

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