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**GOSPORT FAMILIES SOLICITOR MEETS WITH HAMPSHIRE POLICE - 08 November 02**

Following the public meeting on Sunday 3rd November attended by over 50 relatives of patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Senior Partner of Alexander Harris Solicitors, Ann Alexander met with Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Watts and Detective Inspector Nigel Niven of Hampshire police yesterday. The meeting, which took place at Alexander Harris' Head Office in Altrincham Greater Manchester, was "very productive", said Ann Alexander who has now been instructed by 32 families.

Ann Alexander who represents over 200 relatives in the Shipman Inquiry said following the meeting: "The police want to see every single family that wishes to see them. They are hoping that anyone who has not been in touch and who has concerns should come forward. If there is a pattern to these tragic unexpected deaths, it seems sensible that the police should examine as many cases as they can."

"I feel completely reassured that the police are going to do anything they can to get to the bottom of what has happened. I hope this is of some comfort for our clients who expressed concerns at Sunday nights meeting that after previous complaints to the police, they have felt ignored or fobbed off."

If anyone has any information, which may be helpful to the police with the investigation, they should contact the Hampshire Police help line on 0845 045 4545 and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Health Authority on **Code A**

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