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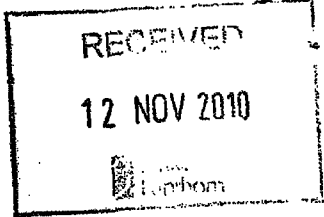
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Dear Mr White,

RE: Gosport – Dr. Jane Barton



Thank you for your letter dated the 4 November 2010.

The principle in respect of seeking consent of witnesses applies to expert witnesses as it does to non-expert witnesses. Therefore I would be grateful if you could provide me with the details of the medical reports already in your possession.

In relation to Professor Baker, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) commissioned him to conduct a statistical analysis of the mortality rates at Gosport Hospital, including an audit/review of the use of opiate drugs. The report remains in the possession of the CMO and any enquiries as to its content or release should be addressed to his office. As a separate matter Professor Baker provided a witness statement in relation to one specific case that of Robert Wilson.

On the question of the time limit I do not agree your request to extend time. CPR 54.5(2) provides that the time limit may not be extended by agreement between the parties.

I would also be grateful if you could specify the persons you act for in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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