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Gosport

To: LLOYD, Stephen; Stephen Lloyd

Subject: Gosport Draft EDM

Hi Stephen - I have had a go at a draft EDM; please see below. Please can you let me know if it is any good.
Best wishes. Code A

EARLY DAY MOTION

DEATHS AT GOSPORT HOSPITAL

Lloyd, Stephen

That this House: (1) Notes with dismay the recent decision in this matter by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) not to prosecute any individual doctor, nurse or manager for unlawful killing; (2) Condemns the delay, lack of co-ordination and lack of effectiveness by the regulatory agencies, not least the wholly ineffectual role of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE), in failing to apportion responsibility for outrageous failings in the care of frail, vulnerable, elderly patients under the care of the NHS; and (3) Calls for an independent public enquiry be established without delay; this being in light of the deaths of 92 patients having occurred in sinister circumstances at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Portsmouth, between 1996 and 2000; the findings earlier this year made by the General Medical Council (GMC) that the clinical assistant, Dr Jane Barton, who treated these patients, was guilty of multiple counts of serious professional misconduct; a damning report in 2002 by the Commission for Healthcare Improvement (CHI); 10 inquests heard in March 2009 before HM Coroner for Portsmouth, where verdicts established that patients had died as a result of inappropriate treatment; the precise circumstances of the deaths still being unclear in the majority of cases; the striking failure on the part of the relevant authorities to hold any person or persons properly to account; the lack of evidence of lessons having been learned in a clear and systematic way to protect patients in the future; the pervasive lack of confidence by members of the public as to whether their elderly relatives will be treated in hospital with their best interests at heart; and recognises that a public enquiry with powers to establish that facts and analyse the medical evidence is essential to achieve the aims of patient safety and accountability to the public within the NHS.

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