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Dear Sirs

**Re: Gosport Inquest Hearing  
 18 March 2009**

We write to let you know that the hearing has now concluded. The Jury handed down their verdicts on Monday 20 April 2009. At this time we still await the written documentation from the Coroner.

As you will be aware we provided representation for five clients. Four of these were given representation under the grant from the Ministry of Justice. In relation to the last one, Mr Wilson, we are awaiting your assessment.

Of the five, the verdicts are in essence that:-

- i. Elsie Devine (deceased) – death was contributed to by inappropriate drug treatment with morphine and other sedative drugs.
- ii. Geoffrey Packman (deceased) – same as above.
- iii. Robert Wilson (deceased) – same as above.
- iv. Arthur Cunningham (deceased) – the drug treatment contributed to the deceased's death but the Jury did not consider that the treatment was inappropriate.
- v. Sheila Gregory (deceased) – the care was deemed to have been satisfactory.

We are aware that there is outstanding correspondence relating to the main application. Also there is the supplementary application. We believe that the outcome and the experience of the Inquest very strongly supports the merits of the supplementary Application as being the only means by which effective representation could be provided.

We would like to thank you for your help and support and look forward to hearing from you with regard to outstanding matters. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please ask to speak to John White.

Yours faithfully

**Blake Laphorn**

