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Dear Mrs Packman

**Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Inquest – 9 March 2009**

I write with an important update.

As you are aware, the inquest is due to take place on 9 March 2009. The time estimate is for six weeks. It is anticipated that the first two weeks will deal with generic issues and then the latter four weeks will consist of individual inquests for each of the ten families.

It had originally been the plan that we would try to obtain public funding to represent the group of families as a whole. Unfortunately, this has not been successful. We are therefore looking at what we can provide on a pro bono basis ie without charge for the work.

I am assuming that you will need general supportive advice for the individual part of the inquest in respect of your late husband. In this regard we will be happy to help. However, it should be noted that the time for attendance during the inquest will be limited to that during the generic phase and the actual time when the inquest for your late husband is dealt with. It is important that you are aware of this and I have notified the coroner accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this letter. I look forward to speaking with you again soon.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

John White

