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Professor B Livesley MD, PRCP

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Dear Professor Livesley

Re: Operation Rochester

I am writing to advise you of the most recent developments in respect of the above named police investigation into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

We have undertaken reviews of a number of other deaths at the hospital to determine whether or not it would be appropriate to widen the scope of the initial police investigation.

After very careful consideration I have concluded it would not be appropriate to commence a more intensive police enquiry.

However, I am, as are others, seriously concerned about the conclusions drawn by the experts commissioned by us to report on events at the hospital.

I have shared these concerns with our force solicitor with a view to disclosing the reports, including yours, to other bodies with a regulatory or investigatory responsibility. He takes the view that the reports commissioned by us becomes our property and that we should disclose to any relevant body. This would include for example the Health Trust, Health authority, GMC and U.K.C.C.





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In view of the contents of your letter to me of the 10th October I thought it was appropriate to advise you generally of our legal advice and invite any reply before your report is disclosed.

I would be grateful to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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J JAMES Detective Superintendent