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Mr Close,

In July of this year I wrote to you regarding the inquests connected to Gosport War Memorial Hospital, In addition I stated an intention to supply transcripts of the GMC hearings once I had received and reviewed them. I have been trying to contact you regarding this process for some time now without success. It appears however that the CPS are well in advance of me and I'm led to believe that you have copies and that they are currently with Counsel David Perry QC together with the transcripts of the inquests for review?

Could you confirm this is the case and provide some detail as to the likely timescale for Counsel concluding their review?

If this is the case do you still require Hampshire Constabulary to formally refer them to you for review? I am happy to supply the material in whatever format you feel most appropriate.

The Chief Constable has recently received considerable correspondence from a number of the families connected with the investigation. Each of the letters make reference to recent meetings held with yourself in October and allege that the Police have been selective in the material passed to the CPS. In some cases they state that you have asked them to prepare lists of statements that they have been given, for you to compare against the material submitted to the CPS. There is continued reference to the CPS not having access to the "Baker report". Finally there is mention that the CPS wish to review Operation Rochester in it's entirety?

I have revisited your reports on each individual case (circa December 2006) to ensure that I have not missed anything. Each report is clear in your assessment of the evidence and ultimate findings. Both Counsel and yourself have recorded on a number of occasions that the investigation was thorough.

I have concerns that there is the potential for a breakdown in communication between the prosecuting agencies both CPS & Hampshire Constabulary particularly in the eyes of the family group members.

That being the case I would ask for a meeting to clarify the current CPS position in this case and the future direction.

Kind Regards

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