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Dear Madam,

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Thank you for copying to me and to the Director of Public Prosecutions your correspondence to the Attorney General dated 1 September 2002.

The Crown Prosecution Service have not to date received any papers from the Hampshire Police relating to the sad death of your late husband. The police did submit papers to the Crown Prosecution Service last year but these were in respect of a separate matter which had arisen at the hospital.

I understand that the Hampshire Constabulary are preparing papers which they will submit for consideration by the Crown Prosecution Service in the very near future.

Obviously it is not possible at this stage for me to comment on the nature of the papers, which the police propose to submit, or the extent to which they will contain sufficient evidence on which any decision to prosecute can be made.

Once the papers have been received and reviewed, then hopefully the issues which you have raised will become clearer.

Yours faithfully

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