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Dear Madam,

Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Thank you for copying to me and to the Director of Public Prosecutions your recent correspondence with the Attorney General.

The Crown Prosecution Service have not to date received any papers from the Hampshire Constabulary relating to the medical treatment received by your husband. The police submitted 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 to comment on the nature of the papers, which the police propose to submit, or the extent to which they contain sufficient evidence upon which any decision to prosecute can be made.

Once the papers have been received by the Crown Prosecution Service they will be reviewed and hopefully the issues which you have raised will become clearer.

Yours faithfully

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