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Dear Mrs MacKenzie

GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Thank you for the copy of your letter of 28 August 2002 addressed to the Attorney General, I have been asked to reply to you.

As I indicated in my letter to you of 31 July 2002 the papers submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service so far relate only to the investigation of the death of your late mother. However, I understand that the Hampshire Constabulary are preparing additional papers which they intend to submit for consideration in the very near future. I will of course consider what impact if any that additional material has upon the investigation into your late mothers' case.

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 will contain sufficient evidence which may affect the decision regarding the circumstances of your late mother's death.

Once papers have been received by the Crown Prosecution Service they will be reviewed immediately and hopefully matters will become clearer. I must point out however, that the investigation of criminal allegations is a matter for the police and neither the Crown Prosecution Service nor the Attorney General have either the facilities to conduct investigations or the authority to direct the police in respect of such matters. I note that you have already made the Chief Constable of Hampshire aware of your concerns by copying the correspondence to him.

Yours sincerely

Paul Close

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