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RE: ENQUIRY INTO GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

- 1 Thank you for your minute of 31 July 2002, which arrived in my office on 9 August.
- 2 I note that in paragraph 7 you suggest that any papers prepared by the police in respect of other cases upon which advice is sought are better routed through me. I beg to disagree. This is clearly a sensitive matter in which Casework Directorate has been heavily involved as it concerns an allegation of homicide caused by a doctor in the course of his professional duties.
- 3 As you have been seized of the matter throughout – in accordance with our casework location guidelines – it seems to me that the better line of contact is from the police directly to you. You will be able to put any further advice in context and, of course, you know precisely the terms of your advice and its basis from last year. To route the papers through me is simply to add an administrative level which, in my view, is unnecessary.
- 4 In the circumstances, I should be pleased to hear from you that you are content for the papers to come directly to you. I shall delay writing to the Deputy Chief Constable until I hear from you, which I hope will be by return.

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CHIEF CROWN PROSECUTOR
CPS HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT
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